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Nancy Johnson, RN, PhD to Lead El Rio Community Health Center

El Rio Community Health Center has selected Nancy Johnson, RN, PhD, as its new Executive Director. She has served as the non-profit agency's Chief Operating Officer since 2009 and as Interim Chief Executive Officer since July 2015.

She succeeds Kathy Byrne, who retired in July.

The decision was made by the agency's Board of Directors after completion of a national search. Her appointment will be effective at the end of this month.

Pete Reisinger, Board President, described the search as "exhausting" and said that "Nancy's history with El Rio had been characterized by improving medical outcomes of our patients and our employees. Her heart beats to the mission of the health center. The future looks bright with Nancy at the helm."

Dr. Rajiv Modak, a member of the agency's medical staff said "Nancy has a solid grasp of the issues that El Rio faces, and ideas for specific areas of improvement and innovation to help guide us into the future. She is extremely passionate about El Rio's mission."

Johnson holds a PhD in Health Sciences/Administration from Walden University and Master's degrees in both Nursing (University of Illinois) and Marketing (University of Arizona Eller School).

El Rio Community Health Center is the largest provider of medical and dental services to uninsured and Medicaid populations in Pima County. Currently the agency serves more than 84,000 patients each year.

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