

TO: The Members of the St. Charles County Council
The Honorable John White, Council Chair
The Honorable Joe Brazil
The Honorable Joe Cronin
The Honorable Mike Elam
The Honorable Dave Hammond
The Honorable Terry Hollander
The Honorable Nancy Schneider
Brenda Hinton, County Registrar

FROM: Steve Ehlmann, St. Charles County Executive



DATE: October 30, 2019

RE: St. Charles County Department of Public Health

It is my pleasure to inform you that, pursuant to Article IV, Section 4.1503 of the St. Charles County Home Rule Charter, I hereby appoint Demetrius Cianci-Chapman of Wentzville, Missouri, as the Director of Public Health. Should you confirm his appointment at the November 12, 2019, meeting of the St. Charles County Council, Mr. Cianci-Chapman would assume the position of Director of Public Health effective November 14, 2019.

Since May of 2018, Demetrius Cianci-Chapman has been serving as the Senior Director of the Partnership to Advance Tribal Health, a Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services program to improve health quality at 24 hospitals in seven states. In this position he oversees the work, budget and deliverables of an \$18 million grant and coordinated project involving two federal agencies and four subcontracted quality improvement organizations.

In 1995, Mr. Cianci-Chapman began his career in the St. Louis area with the BJC Health System as a patient care technician and then critical care nurse in Burn/Trauma/Surgical ICU and in Pediatric ICU. For nearly 4 years, he was also a research nurse at Saint Louis University, and briefly taught public health nursing. Before leaving the St. Louis area, he served as a Public Health Nurse and Program Coordinator, in East St. Louis, Illinois, where he received national awards for his work to combat lead poisoning.

From 2005 and until his move back to Missouri, Mr. Cianci-Chapman worked in Arizona and New Mexico, first as a commissioned officer with the rank of Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS). For the five years with the USPHS, he was stationed with the

Indian Health Service at medical facilities serving Native Americans. He worked in several programs there, including health and school screenings, immunization clinics, case management, public health education, and STD case management and prevention activities. In his various nursing, supervisor, and administrative roles, Mr. Chapman's responsibilities included patient care, managing federal programs and performance improvement, and investigating and reporting on incidents and healthcare errors. He established a satellite public health office where he supervised staff and daily activities, and he also wrote successful grant and project proposals.

Mr. Cianci-Chapman worked for six years as a House Supervisor and ER/ICU Nurse at Rehoboth McKinley Christian Hospital, in Gallup, New Mexico, where his supervisory responsibilities included staffing and administrative oversight. During this time, he investigated and reported on Hepatitis C rates for New Mexico and provided outreach and primary prevention services for the New Mexico Department of Health.

Mr. Cianci-Chapman went on to work for the New Mexico Department of Health as Director of Nursing Services until joining the New Mexico Board of Nursing and serving as its Interim and then Executive Director from 2015 to May of 2018. In those roles he was responsible for licensing 10 different professional licenses and certificates and oversaw nursing education in the state.

In 1998, Mr. Cianci-Chapman began his education in nursing at the Jewish Hospital College of Nursing and Allied Health in St. Louis. He then earned his undergraduate degree in nursing from Saint Louis University, as well his Master of Public Health and Master of Science Nursing Research degrees. He was formerly credentialed by the American Heart Association and the Emergency Nurses Association. He received a Certificate in Disaster Preparedness from Saint Louis University and completed Leadership In Context Training in New Mexico.

During his career, Mr. Cianci-Chapman has received numerous honors for nursing excellence and leadership, has served on the Leadership Succession Committee for the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, and has authored articles on nursing and contributed to a textbook on the nation's health care system.

Mr. Cianci-Chapman grew up in Jefferson County, Missouri, and spent a few early years in Italy while his father served in the Army. He is married and has one grown son and one son in high school.

By this correspondence, I hereby request your concurrence in confirming the appointment of Demetrius Cianci-Chapman as the Director of Public Health for St. Charles County Government on the Consent Agenda of the St. Charles County Council at your meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2019. I would appreciate your favorable consideration of this request.

cc: Joann Leykam, Director of Administration
John Watson, County Counselor
Bob Schnur, Director of Finance
Samantha Shadrach, Director of Human Resources
Demetrius Cianci-Chapman