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### Dr. Tom Miller appointed acting state health officer

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The State Committee of Public Health has appointed Tom Miller, M.D., M.P.H., as acting state health officer effective November 1, upon the retirement of Donald E. Williamson, M.D.

When the committee announced his appointment, Dr. Williamson said, "Dr. Miller has been an invaluable member of our team, and I have every confidence in him. He has done yeoman's work, especially in the past three years when I have been very involved with the Alabama Medicaid Agency."

Dr. Miller received his M.D. and completed his residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of South Alabama in Mobile. He received a Master of Public Health degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

In his more than 25 years with the Alabama Department of Public Health, Dr. Miller has gained experience in leading many areas. His most recent position has been as chief medical officer, in which he has overseen the bureaus of Family Health Services, Clinical Laboratories, Communicable Disease, and Home and Community Services. His current responsibilities include maternal and child health, family planning, WIC, dental, lab testing, immunizations, TB, STD, HIV/AIDS, epidemiology and home care services. In addition, he works with the Bureau of Health Provider Standards and the Office of Radiation Control.

Dr. Miller is an active member of several professional organizations at the state and national level. In 2012, he finished his third term on the Prattville City Council, where he served as president pro tempore and president, and is involved in a number of community enrichment initiatives. He serves on the boards of the Autauga County United Way and the Prattville YMCA. He is a member of his local Rotary Club and of Toastmasters International. For the past four years, he has traveled to the Dominican Republic on medical mission trips.

He is active with the Alabama Medical Association's Foundation for Continuing Medical Education. In 2013, he became a member of the Committee for Review and Recognition that is part of the national Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education, and was elected recently to a three-year term on its Board of Directors.

Dr. Williamson is concluding 23 years as Alabama's state health officer and 29 years of service in the department.

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