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**SCPHD District Director Melody Bowyer Announces Upcoming Retirement:
SCPHD To Begin The Search For A New District Director**

SOUTH CENTRAL IDAHO – The Board of Health for South Central Public Health District (SCPHD) announces that District Director Melody Bowyer will retire at the end of the summer after a successful 22-year career in public health, which included serving as the director for the past seven years.

In Director Bowyer’s time at SCPHD, she led the health district through the challenges of a global pandemic. Additionally, she worked closely with the Board of Health and SCPHD leadership team to strategically position the district to meet the public health needs of our region today and into the future. "Melody has done an excellent job leading South Central Public Health District. Because of her stewardship, the agency is in a strong financial position with a committed workforce that is well-trained and ready to serve. She will be hard to replace, and we will miss her," said Board Chair Commissioner Don Hall.

Throughout her public health career, Director Bowyer dedicated herself to improving and protecting the health and well-being of the citizens of Southern Idaho. Her efforts have been recognized for innovative public health practices at both the state and national levels. This year, SCPHD is again chosen by the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) to receive the coveted Model Practice Award for innovative practice in improving equity in community outreach.

Director Bowyer stated, “It has been an honor and privilege to serve as the Director of South Central Public Health District. I want to express my deep appreciation and respect for the strong leadership and support of the Board of Health. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with a team of dedicated public health professionals who serve our communities tirelessly.”

The Board of Health will begin a national search and recruitment campaign for a new director immediately. Interested individuals are encouraged to apply with a cover letter, resume and at least 3 professional references no later than August 4, 2024. Please apply at: statecareers.idaho.gov/jobs/14669435-director-dist-health-dpt.

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