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**GHS WELCOMES DR. WENDY RINGO AS NEW HEALTH CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND V.P. OF MEDICAL OPERATIONS**

Flint, Michigan – Genesee Health System (GHS) is pleased to introduce Wendy Ringo, MD, MPH as Genesee Community Health Center’s (GCHC) new Executive Director who began April 23rd. Dr. Ringo will also serve as Vice President of Medical Operations at GHS.

“We are thrilled to have Dr. Ringo lead Genesee Community Health Center’s efforts to improve health and health equity in Genesee County,” says Dr. Sara Pendleton, GCHC Board Chair. “Her vast knowledge and pertinent experience will greatly enhance our ability to provide high quality, person-centered, compassionate health care to our community and specifically to some of our most vulnerable populations: those who are homeless or living in public housing. Her enthusiasm is contagious, and I believe all who meet her will be inspired to join us in our quest to improve our community’s health.”

“Dr. Ringo comes to us with a wealth of experience in managing primary health care facilities and promoting a host of professional initiatives that include community awareness and health education,” said Danis Russell, CEO of GHS. “We look forward to having Dr. Ringo guide the Health Center in its growth and outreach, and helping GHS meet our whole health goal for all those who seek services through GHS and the Health Center.”

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Dr. Ringo came to GHS after being a Chief Operating Officer for a large healthcare system with 10 clinics in Chicago. Although credentialed in General Medicine, Dr. Ringo has spent her professional career orchestrating educational outreach plans to promote awareness of communicable diseases targeting high risk populations and recommending management protocols for successful implementation of program designs. She has been tasked with leading notable, awarding winning health education initiatives on behalf of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention during her tenure with the organization as a Public Health Advisor.

Dr. Wendy Ringo is a native of Detroit, MI, and received her Bachelors of Arts (BA) in Psychology from Western Michigan University, her Doctor of Medicine (MD) from the College of Medicine Health Sciences, St. Lucia, and her Executive Masters of Public Health (MPH) in Health Policy and Administration from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Genesee Health System provides services and support to Genesee County residents who are adults and children with developmental disabilities, adults with serious mental illness, children with serious emotional disturbances, and adults and children with substance use disorders, with a focus on the health of the whole person.

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