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**Re: UCo Health Announces New Health Officer as Dr. Jonathan Hitzman Steps Down After Over a Decade of Dedicated Service.**

UCo Health is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Deborah Woodbury, MD to the position of Health Officer, Effective January 1, 2025. Dr. Woodbury brings a wealth of experience and a strong commitment to public health, having practiced family medicine for over 25 years. She is currently employed at Pendleton Family Medicine as a full service family practitioner.

“We are excited to welcome Dr. Woodbury to the UCo Health team,” said Joseph Fiumara, UCo Health Director. “Her vision and leadership will be invaluable as we continue to work towards a healthier Umatilla County.”

As Dr. Hitzman concludes over ten years of dedicated service, UCo Health extends heartfelt thanks for his immense contributions. Dr. Hitzman’s commitment to public health has left a lasting impact on our community.

“I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to serve UCo Health and our residents,” said Dr. Hitzman, “I look forward to supporting Dr. Woodbury as she takes on this important role and continues to advance our mission.”

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