New CEO joins team at UMMC Grenada, UMMC Holmes County

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Hospital administration veteran Wes Sigler is the new chief executive officer of the University of Mississippi Medical Center Grenada and UMMC Holmes County in Lexington.

He will begin his duties May 14, reporting to Kevin Cook, University Health System CEO, and Dr. Charles O'Mara, associate vice chancellor for clinical affairs.

"We are thrilled Wes is joining the UMMC family," Cook said. "He is an experienced hospital administrator and will be an outstanding addition to the team. Wes will have a big impact on the organization and the Grenada and Holmes County communities."

"I am excited to be joining the teams in Grenada and Lexington," Sigler said. "There are tremendous opportunities for these two hospitals. I look forward to working with our physicians and staff to improve the health of the patients in the communities they serve."

WES SIGLER

Sigler received his bachelor of accounting from the University of North Alabama and his master of professional accountancy from Mississippi State University. He comes to UMMC from North Mississippi Medical Center's Eupora hospital, where he has served as administrator since October 2014. There, he oversaw a 43-bed acute care facility and 36-bed nursing home with net revenues of $25 million and 200 full-time employees. Sigler also implemented a self-managed hospitalist service, added digital mammography technology and oversaw $2 million-plus in capital projects.

Sigler served from August to September 2014 as interim administrator for the Quitman County Hospital in Marks, overseeing the 25-bed critical access hospital and its 60-bed nursing home. From May 2011 to July 2014, he was CEO of Tri-Lakes Medical Center in Batesville, a 112-bed acute care and behavioral health facility with 300 full-time employees and $25 million in net revenues.

At Tri-Lakes, he oversaw $10 million in capital projects, reopened an ICU that was closed by the previous owner, and recruited dozens of physicians and sub-specialists to the market and the medical center staff.

Sigler led Bolivar Medical Center in Cleveland as CEO from July 2008 to April 2011, recruiting 16 physicians to the 165-bed, acute care hospital and 35-bed nursing home.

Sigler also added a geriatric psychiatry unit, wound care center and pain management program. Sigler led $10 million in capital projects and grew the interventional radiology service from fewer than 100 procedures annually to more than 1,000 annually.

Sigler also has served in executive roles at a number of hospitals in Tennessee and Alabama.

MHP seeking applicants for next class of troopers

The Mississippi Highway Patrol is now accepting applications for MHP Class 63, which will start later this year.

Please contact the Human Resources Office in Jackson at 601-987-1264. Potential candidates may also pick up applications from MHP headquarters in Jackson or the nine district offices.

Additionally, an application may be filled out then printed along with the Colonel's letter and medical packet from the Department of Public Safety website beginning May 3. However, no application may be submitted electronically.

Marshall Smith, Holmes County Bank CEO, is shown presenting 2018 Scholarship Awards to Danielle Gibson (left), salutatorian, and Jon'na Bailey (right), valedictorian, of Holmes County Central High School. The awards are presented each year to the top two graduates at HCCHS.

Our congratulations to Jon'na Bailey and Danielle Gibson, winners of the 2018 Holmes County Bank Scholarships awarded at Holmes County Central High School.

It is a pleasure to help recognize students who make such achievements in academic work.

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All people are God's people--including the small people who sit at our tables. Wise are the parents who regularly give their children back to God.

Parents, we can do this. We can take our parenting fears to Christ. In fact, if we don't, we'll take our fears out on our kids! A family with no breathing room suffocates a child. Fear can also create permissive parents who are high on hugs and low on discipline.

How can we avoid the two extremes? We pray. Jesus makes no comments about spanking, sibling rivalry, or schooling. Yet his actions speak volumes about prayer. Each time a parent prays, Christ responds. His message to moms and dads? Bring your children to me. Raise them in a greenhouse of prayer.

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2017 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report
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We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Quality Water Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies. Our water source is from wells drawing from the Upper Meridian Wilcox Aquifer.

The source water assessment has been completed for our public water system to determine the overall susceptibility of its drinking water supply to identify potential sources of contamination. A report containing detailed information on how the susceptibility determinations were made has been furnished to our public water system and is available for viewing upon request. The wells for the West Holmes Water Association have received moderate to higher rankings in terms of susceptibility to contamination.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Ottis Clark at 662.299.9908. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please join us at any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the first Monday in May at 6:00 PM at the office complex.

We routinely monitor for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that were detected during the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2017. In cases where monitoring wasn't required in 2017, the table reflects the most recent results. As water travels over the surface of land or underground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive materials and can pick up substances or contaminants from the presence of animals or from human activity; microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm-water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm-water runoff, and residential uses; organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations and septic systems; radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. It's important to remember that the presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.

In this table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Action Level - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) - The "Goal"(MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) – The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary to control microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) – The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk of health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in $10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in $10,000,000.

TEST RESULTS

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Date Collected	Level Detected	Range of Detects or # of Samples Exceeding MCL/ACL/MRDL	Unit Measure -ment	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Inorganic Contaminants								
10. Barium	N	2015*	.0124	.0059 - .0124	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
13. Chromium	N	2015*	3.1	2.1 – 3.1	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
14. Copper	N	2015/17	.1	0	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
16. Fluoride	N	2015*	.171	.152 - .171	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
17. Lead	N	2015/17	3	0	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
Disinfection By-Products								
Chlorine	N	2017	1.1	.9 – 1.5	mg/l	0	MRDL = 4	Water additive used to control microbes

** Most recent sample. No sample required for 2017.*

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a monthly basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. In an effort to ensure systems complete all monitoring requirements, MSDH now notifies systems of any missing samples prior to the end of the compliance period.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Our water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead. The Mississippi State Department of Health Public Health Laboratory offers lead testing. Please contact 601.576.7582 if you wish to have your water tested.

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring or man made. These substances can be microbes, inorganic or organic chemicals and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline 1.800.426.4791.

The West Holmes Water Association works around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future.