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(Neb)-New CEO Named For Chadron Community Hospital & Health Services

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CHADRON - A veteran hospital administrator in Kansas has been named as the new CEO of Chadron Community Hospital and Health Services.

Jeff Shelton will assume administrative responsibilities for the hospital, Prairie Pine Lodge, and rural outreach clinics next Monday.

Chadron Community is a Critical Access Hospital and Shelton has been CEO of 4 such facilities, including for the last 2 years Hiawatha Community Hospital in Hiawatha, Kansas.

Originally from Kentucky, he is familiar with Nebraska having earned a master's degree from Bellevue University in Omaha and serving as director of cardiopulmonary services at Mary Lanning Healthcare in Hastings and CEO of the Harlan County Health System in Alma.

Chadron Community board chair Kerry Bailey says Shelton's health care expertise and experience will be very helpful in Chadron. Bailey says Shelton has a working knowledge and accomplishments with critical access hospital systems as well as health care information technology systems.

Chadron Community Health contracts for a number of services, including administration, with Regional West Health Services in Scottsbluff, parent of Regional West Medical Center. Regional West conducted the search with the Chadron Community board ratifying the choice of Shelton.

Chadron Community has been without a permanent CEO since Anna Turman resigned last December after less than 2 years to take a position in the Omaha area.

Alan Gamble was hired as interim CEO on a 3-month contract that he agreed to extend until the permanent post was filled. Gamble had twice been interim administrator at Gordon Memorial Hospital and once at Regional West Garden County Hospital in Oshkosh.