

## PRESS RELEASE

### Umpqua Community Health Center Announces APPOINTMENT OF NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**For Immediate Release:** ROSEBURG, OR. **December 7, 2016** – Karl C. (KC) Bolton has been appointed the Chief Executive Officer of Umpqua Community Health Center (UCHC) and joined the organization August 23rd, 2016. The announcement came from Mark Herscher, M.D., President of the Center's Board of Directors. Mr. Bolton joined UCHC following the interim CEO guidance of Dona Weissenfels who has returned to her role as Chief Operating Officer.

Immediately prior to joining UCHC, Mr. Bolton served as Director of the Specialty Service Line for Bend Memorial Clinic (BMC) in Bend, Oregon. While at Bend, Mr. Bolton oversaw 14 specialty departments with more than 200 staff and an operating budget over \$80M. Among his accomplishments were the development and implementation of competitive marketing strategies for BMC's Oncology, Rheumatology, Urgent Care and Sleep Medicine services.

Mr. Bolton's leadership role with BMC was his first in the private sector following a 28-year active duty career as an officer in the U.S. Army. Retiring as a full Colonel in April, 2015, Mr. Bolton's final active duty position was as Chief of Staff of the West Region Medical Command. As the Command's Chief Operating Officer, he oversaw support for two academic medical centers, five community hospitals, two health centers and twenty-nine outlying clinics across a 20-state region. Under his leadership, 32 primary care clinics were transformed to become Medical Homes certified by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA).

Like all professional career army officers, Mr. Bolton held progressive military leadership assignments. Mr. Bolton, a native Oregonian, was drawn to work in healthcare – first directly for soldiers and ultimately for their families and veterans, as well. During the last 10 years, Mr. Bolton has led individual hospitals – both in Iraq and the U.S. – and, directed regional training and development, as well as operations support activities. One of his most rewarding roles was Commander of the Warrior Transition Battalion at Madigan Army Medical Center near Tacoma, WA. He and his team of professionals developed and implemented a model for the care and support of Wounded Warriors that directly helped over 2100 service members successfully return to their units or transition to their hometowns. Their acclaimed and peer-reviewed model was adopted as the Army's mandate for recovery and social services for Wounded Soldiers.

Mr. Bolton holds a Master of Healthcare Administration from Baylor University, a Master of Educational Leadership from the University of Texas and a Bachelor of Arts in Clinical Psychology from Oregon State University. KC and his wife, Shelley, are both natives of Oregon and grew up in Albany. Their families live up and down the I-5 corridor. KC and Shelley are looking forward to relocating to Roseburg from their home in La Pine, OR.

Umpqua Community Health Center (UCHC) is a private, not-for-profit community health center based in Roseburg, Oregon ([www.umpquachc.org](http://www.umpquachc.org)). Incorporated as a 501(c)(3), UCHC grew out of a community effort, begun in 1989, to meet the healthcare needs of the medically underserved in Roseburg and Douglas County. From its storefront beginnings with a nurse and a receptionist, UCHC has grown to become a multi-site system with a current staff team of 148 full and part-time providers, support and administrative staff. This year, UCHC will provide more than 40,000 patient encounters across four clinics and its school-based health centers.

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