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## **COUNTY NAMES INTERIM PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER** ***Deputy Public Health Officer Wilma Wooten to Serve Until Position is Filled***

Wilma Wooten, M.D., County of San Diego Deputy Public Health Officer is serving as interim Public Health Officer.

Dr. Wooten, who has been with the County Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) since 2001, will fill the position while a search for a new Public Health Officer is conducted.

“Dr. Wooten’s exceptional leadership and clinical skills will serve this community well during the transition,” said Jean Shepard, Director, HHS.

Dr. Wooten also serves as adjunct faculty, University of San Diego-San Diego State University General Preventive Medicine Department, and is a volunteer Associate Clinical Professor at UCSD. She earned her Doctor of Medicine (MD) and Masters in Public Health (MPH) degrees from University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

She is a member of the National Medical Association and is a founding member of the Network of Ethnic Physicians Association, serves on the Advisory Board of the National Dairy Council, and has provided medical services on volunteer medical missions to countries such as Jamaica, Kenya and Ghana since 2000.

Dr. Nancy Bowen, who has been with HHS since 1986 and served as Public Health Officer for the last five years, has accepted a new position as Chief Medical Officer for Orange County. HHS has conducted a national search and interviews for the Public Health Officer position are underway.

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