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SCDHHS Announces New Deputy Director

Dr. Peter Liggett becomes new Deputy Director for Long Term and Behavioral Health

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) is proud to announce that Dr. Peter (Pete) Liggett will be the new Deputy Director for Long Term and Behavioral Health starting February 11, 2013. Sam Waldrep, currently in this position, will step down after serving in this capacity for two years and working at the state for 33 years. Waldrep will remain a part of the executive management team acting as a senior advisor starting March 4th assisting with special projects and serving as a technical consultant to the Duals Demonstration Project.

Liggett, a licensed psychologist, joined SCDHHS in August 2012 as Director of Behavioral Health and previously served as the Assistant Director of the Counseling and Human Development Center at the University of South Carolina, and previous to that, the Director of the Division of Child and Adolescent Services at the Columbia Area Mental Health Center. His strong clinical background and quick understanding of Medicaid and its intricacies make him an ideal candidate for this position. In his new capacity, Liggett will be responsible for continuing to guide long term care and behavioral health policies as SCDHHS transforms these critical services and explores ways to better integrate long term care and behavioral health with primary care services.

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services provides health care benefits to more than 1.1 million South Carolinians. Its mission is to purchase the most health for our citizens in need at the least possible cost to the taxpayer.

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