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## **Defiance County Board of Health Appoints Gerken as Health Commissioner**

The Defiance County Board of Health has appointed Jamie Gerken as the next Health Commissioner for the Defiance County General Health District. Gerken will start in her new role on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Gerken replaces Kimberly Moss who is retiring. Moss has been the health commissioner for 16 years and with the agency for 27 years.

“Jamie has been an employee with Defiance County Public Health for fourteen years. She has been a valued employee and has shown leadership initiative, which included going back to school to obtain her Master’s in Public Health degree,” Moss relayed.

Gerken has a Bachelor’s in Nursing from The Ohio State University and received her Master’s in Public Health degree through the Northwest Ohio Consortium for Public Health, which offers the degree as a joint effort through University of Toledo and Bowling Green State University.

“I am honored to have been selected by the board of health to help lead Defiance County Public Health into the future,” Gerken relays. “There are a lot of changes that have occurred and will be occurring in the field of public health. I am confident that Defiance County Public Health is poised to take on these changes and continue to work with the community to protect the health of Defiance County.”

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