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PRZYGODA HIRED AS AHEC DIRECTOR AT PINCKNEYVILLE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

July 7, 2021 – PINCKNEYVILLE, IL – Pinckneyville Community Hospital is excited to welcome Gloria Przygoda, DNP FNP-C as the new Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Director for the South Central Illinois Region.

“I feel Gloria will be a great asset for the community. We are excited to have her as the AHEC Director as well as a part of the PCH family,” says Randall Dauby, CEO at Pinckneyville Community Hospital.

Gloria graduated from Nashville High School and attended Kaskaskia College to become a Registered Nurse. She then worked at Pinckneyville Community Hospital and Sarah Bush Lincoln while completing her Bachelors and Doctorate of Nursing/Family Nurse Practitioner at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville. Gloria most recently worked as a Family Nurse Practitioner at OSF Healthcare in Pontiac. Gloria is eager to take on her new role as the AHEC Director for the South Central Illinois Region where she can share her knowledge and love of nursing with incoming and existing healthcare students.

The Area Health Education Center (AHEC) was established in 1972 to improve the supply, distribution, retention and quality of primary care and other health practitioners in medically underserved areas. AHEC works to improve health care for the underserved by enriching learning environments for current health professions students, increasing access to learning, providing professional development opportunities for health professionals and promoting health careers to students. Our regional centers partner with universities and health care organizations, encouraging collaboration and promoting local solutions to health care problems. These activities support our overall goal of achieving an equitable distribution of health professionals and services throughout all Illinois communities and regions.

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Pinckneyville Community Hospital is a critical access hospital that is leading the way to a healthier tomorrow. The hospital provides local access to quality and convenient healthcare by providing a 24-hour emergency department; 17 bed medical floor offering inpatient, observation and swing bed program; Family Medical Center; oncology; surgery; therapies; radiology; laboratory services and over 15 specialty clinics close to home.