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SCPH is Announcing the Retirement of Health Commissioner Donna Skoda at The End of 2024

[Akron, OH] –After 38 years of public health service, Donna Skoda Health Commissioner for Summit County Public Health announces her retirement at the end of 2024. Commissioner Skoda was promoted to Health Commissioner on July 1, 2015. During her tenure, she has worked with SCPH staff through successful responses to multiple public health crises including H1N1, Ebola and the COVID-19 pandemic. She was also instrumental in the Summit County Opioid settlement in Summit County. “Summit County has been hit hard by the Opioid Epidemic, it is a great feeling to see those who were responsible being held accountable to the people of Summit County.” says Commissioner Skoda. Commissioner Skoda has worked in public health programs in a variety of settings such as hospital, university and local public health departments.

“I am grateful in my 38 years of public service I have had the opportunity to work with wonderful staff, community partners, and elected officials that supported and advanced public health in Summit County. I am excited to begin a new chapter in my life, finding new ways to be a champion for public health”, said Donna Skoda, Health Commissioner. Board President Dominic Cugini praised Commissioner Skoda for her leadership, “As a Board of Health, we are very grateful for her exemplary service to public health and the citizens of Summit County over the last nine as Commissioner. It will be a challenge to fill her shoes.”

The process to replace Commissioner Skoda will be led by the Summit County Board of Health. The BOH has established a search committee and application information is available at www.schd.org.

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