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Dr. Dick Gregory to Lead Behavioral Health Department at Swope Health Services

KANSAS CITY, MO – Swope Health Services (SHS) is proud to announce that Dr. Dick Gregory has been hired as Vice President of Behavioral Health Services. In this capacity, Dr. Gregory will direct a staff of more than 200 psychiatrists, psychologists, substance abuse specialists, licensed clinical social workers, licensed professional counselors, psychiatric nurses, case managers and other professionals serving thousands of individuals in the Greater Kansas City metro area.

“It’s an exciting time to be in the community behavioral health arena,” said Dr. Gregory. “With the advent of the federal Affordable Care Act, I look forward to creating a Health Care Home here at Swope where patients can receive medical, behavioral and the related social services and supports they need through an integrated, collaborative and compassionate delivery system”, he added.

The SHS Behavioral Health Department, a federally qualified community mental health center that has been consistently accredited by the Joint Commission, provides a full range of services including outpatient services, behavioral health services for children and adolescents, substance abuse treatment and psychiatric rehabilitation.

Prior to joining SHS, Dr. Gregory served as Regional Executive Officer for the Missouri Department of Mental Health, where he supervised all state funded substance use and psychiatric services in a 25 county region. Dr. Gregory is also an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine. Prior experience includes leadership positions with the State of Oklahoma Department of Mental Health. He earned his B.S. from the University of Central Oklahoma's School of Psychology and secured both an M.S. & Ph.D. from the University of Oklahoma's School of Public Health.

Swope Health Services is a federally qualified community health center that seeks to help develop self empowered, healthy people in healthy communities by providing primary health care, outreach/homeless and behavioral health services throughout the Kansas City area. Annually, more than 40,000 patients are served at Swope’s 11 medical, dental, and behavioral health/residential treatment centers located throughout the greater metropolitan area including Kansas City, Independence, Kansas City North, South Kansas City and Wyandotte County, KS.

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