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DHHR Secretary Lewis names Curtis director of health resources development

West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources Secretary Michael J. Lewis, M.D., Ph.D., announced today that Chris H. Curtis is the director of health resources development.

In her new role Curtis will direct and coordinate all of DHHR's efforts to deal with the shortages in health services resources with a focus on development of the health services workforce. Curtis will also facilitate health services grant opportunities for DHHR to include grant research and identification, acquisition, allocation, compliance oversight and evaluation.

"I have known Chris for many years and am extremely pleased to work with her in her new role as we explore grant opportunities for the department and the state," Lewis said. "In her tenure with the DHHR, Chris' expertise has brought tens of millions of grant funding dollars to the state of West Virginia."

Curtis has been with DHHR more than 18 years and has served the last nine years as the acting commissioner of the department's bureau for public health. During her tenure, Curtis served in many managerial roles for DHHR and has improved the working relationship between the Bureau for Public Health and the local health departments and other state and local organizations.