

Committee formed to search for new GMH administrator

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Kayleen Dudley accepts position in Lincoln

A committee of five is searching for a Gothenburg Memorial Hospital chief executive officer.

Appointed to the committee, by the GMH board, are family practice physician and board member Dr. Carol Shackleton, board member Larry Gill, GMH human resources director Marsha Engel, physical therapist Craig Johnson, who contracts with the hospital, and community member Gary Fritch.

Shackleton is committee chair.

In February, the GMH board terminated the contract of administrator John Johnson to protect the best interests of the hospital, board members said.

Kayleen Dudley, who had been chief operating officer, information technology director, nursing service administrator and assistant administrator to Johnson, was appointed as interim chief executive officer.

When Dudley was appointed interim CEO, GMH education coordinator Joyce Clark became interim nursing service administrator.

Dudley will not apply for the CEO position at GMH since she's accepted a job as operations director for The Physician Network in Lincoln.

Dudley's husband, Roger Dudley, is state animal epidemiologist.

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She will begin working in Lincoln May 21. Her last day at GMH is May 17, although the hospital board is considering keeping her on retainer at least through July or August, Dudley said.

Shackleton said a GMH management team, subject to board approval, will put someone in place when Dudley leaves.

In the meantime, she said the search committee is working on a job description for the new CEO and deciding the best way to advertise the position.

“We’d like to have someone in place by fall but we’re not in any hurry because we want to take time to search for the best candidate,” she said. “Ideally we’ll have someone hired by early fall.”

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