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Health District names Middaugh director of community health

LAS VEGAS – The Southern Nevada Health District named Dr. John P. Middaugh director of community health, it was announced by Dr. Lawrence Sands, chief health officer.

In his new position, Middaugh will plan, manage, and direct activities of the district's community health division, which includes the office of epidemiology, the office of public health preparedness, the office of chronic disease prevention and health promotion, emergency medical services and trauma system, and the Southern Nevada public health laboratory.

Most recently, he served as the state epidemiologist for the Florida Department of Health in Tallahassee. His public health career includes more than 25 years of service with the Division of Public Health/Department of Health and Social Services for the State of Alaska as the state epidemiologist and chief of the section of epidemiology. Middaugh also served as a commissioned officer in the United States Public Health Service in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Epidemic Intelligence Service. In his early career, he worked at the Cholera Research Laboratory in Dacca, Bangladesh and at the American Mission Hospital in Dembi Dollo, Ethiopia.

Middaugh has authored, co-authored, and edited numerous scientific books and papers. He has served on several boards and professional organizations.

A board certified physician in public health and preventive medicine, as well as internal medicine, Middaugh earned his medical degree at the University of Wisconsin Medical School in Madison. He is licensed to practice in the states of Alaska, Florida, and Washington.