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Health Department Celebrates the Life of Former Administrator Howard Roddy

HAMILTON COUNTY, TN – The Hamilton County Health Department wishes to honor and commemorate the life of former Health Department Administrator Howard Roddy. Hamilton County Health Department Administrator, Sabrina Novak noted, “Howard was a great supporter of public health and had a strong connection with our Health Department for many years. Upon first coming to the Health Department, Howard worked within our Environmental Health program. He then served with distinction as the Health Department Administrator from 1981 to 1998.” Becky Barnes, former Health Department Administrator said, “It was an honor to work with Howard. He had a passion for public health and did much to improve the well-being of our community.”

Throughout Howard’s life, he served in numerous leadership positions and on the boards of several health care organizations, including the Regional Health Council, Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga and First Things First. State Representative JoAnne Favors said, “I am deeply saddened by the death of Howard Roddy. He has left an exceptional legacy in health care administration as he diligently filled positions in community health centers, the Hamilton County Health Department and local hospitals. We were blessed to be co-workers for several years as we adapted to the many complexities in health care delivery.” Howard, “was a passionate advocate for improving community health...[he] was a tireless advocate for the underinsured and uninsured, working in many ways publicly and behind the scenes to create access to care,” says Rae Bond, Executive Director, Chattanooga-Hamilton County Medical Society.

The Health Department would like to extend our deepest sympathies to his family during this time. His dedication and passion for public health and caring for others leaves an indelible mark on our community.