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CHRISTIAN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATOR DR. CHAD ANDERSON RECEIVED EMERGING PUBLIC HEALTH LEADER AWARD

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TAYLORVILLE, IL —Dr. Chad Anderson, Public Health Administrator for the Christian County Health Department (CCHD), has been honored with the **Emerging Public Health Leader Award** by the Illinois Public Health Association (IPHA).

The award recognizes an emerging leader in Illinois public health who demonstrates a commitment to strengthening public health, making a meaningful impact in their field and is dedicated to improving the health and well-being of the communities they serve.

Anderson accepted the award at the IPHA annual conference, where public health professionals from across Illinois gathered to share ideas, recognize achievements, and discuss the future of public health in the state.

“I am incredibly honored to receive this award,” said Anderson. “Public health is never the work of one person. I am fortunate to work alongside an amazing team at the Christian County Health Department who come to work every day committed to serving the people of Christian County. Anything I accomplish as a leader is made possible by the people around me.”

Since joining the Christian County Health Department, Dr. Anderson has worked to strengthen and expand the department’s programs and services while positioning the agency to better meet the changing needs of the community. Under his leadership, CCHD has continued to expand services including vaccination, maternal and child health, HIV prevention and PrEP, lead testing, environmental health, mental health services, emergency preparedness, and other community health initiatives.

Board of Health President Dr. Leslie Devore praised Dr. Anderson’s leadership, saying, “We are incredibly proud to see Dr. Anderson recognized for the leadership he has brought to the Christian County Health Department.”

The department has also continued to build partnerships with local organizations, schools, healthcare providers, community agencies, and other public health partners to increase access to services throughout Christian County.

“This award is really a reflection of what our entire team has accomplished,” Anderson said. “We have a small but incredibly dedicated staff, and I am proud of the work they do every day.”

Public health can sometimes be behind the scenes, but the work we do has a direct impact on the health and quality of life of the people in our community.”

CCHD recently celebrated its **60th anniversary**, marking six decades of providing public health services to Christian County. The department continues to focus on expanding access to services, developing new partnerships, pursuing grant opportunities, and finding innovative ways to address the community’s needs.

Anderson holds a Ph.D. and Master of Public Health and is a Licensed Environmental Health Practitioner in Illinois. Prior to his work in Illinois public health, he gained international public health and education experience through work in Africa.

“Receiving this award makes me even more excited about what is ahead for Christian County Health Department,” Anderson said. “There is still a lot of work to do, and I am grateful to have the opportunity to do it with such a great team and community.”

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