

## Press Release

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## New Executive Director Appointed to U.S. One Health Commission

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**Cheryl Stroud DVM, PhD**, former Chair of the North Carolina One Health Collaborative and previous American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) representative to the One Health Commission, was named Executive Director of the One Health Commission (OHC) in late 2013. The Commission's operations headquarters, previously located at Iowa State University since early 2011, has relocated to the Research Triangle Park region of North Carolina.

The OHC, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, works to enhance interdisciplinary collaborations among all health arenas including physicians, veterinarians, public, clinical, environmental and other local/global health disciplines to address health concerns that occur at the interface of their professional endeavors. The Commission recognizes all reputable U.S. and international One Health organizations and groups and seeks to connect them in coordinated partnerships.

"The health and well-being of people, animals and the environment are directly interconnected", Dr. Stroud said. "Many complicated disease processes occur at the interface of health disciplines and require multidisciplinary health professionals to diagnose and prevent them by working co-equally, together, rather than in 'siloes'."

The OHC, chartered in 2009, has been under the Chief Executive Officer leadership of Roger Mahr, DVM, a former President of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA). Dr. Mahr, a prominent One Health leader for many years, has recently retired.

In late 2012, the OHC expanded its membership structure from Professional Organizations /Institutions only to include Corporate and Individual members. Membership in all categories increased dramatically in 2013 and the Commission's Board of Directors and Council of Advisors expanded significantly as new Institutional members became involved. "Recent changes in the One Health Commission leadership and staff are energizing our mission to bring environmental health, human medicine, and veterinary medicine together to promote One Health" said Al Osbahr, MD, Commission representative from the American Medical Association and Chair of the OHC Board.

Recently an Associate Executive Director has also been engaged, a Communications Committee has been created and the first Annual OHC 'in person' board meeting is slated for February 27-28, 2014 in Atlanta, Georgia to develop proactive plans for collective actions among One Health stakeholders.

For more information please visit <https://www.onehealthcommission.org/> and <https://www.avma.org/KB/Resources/Reference/Pages/One-Health.aspx>.