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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PRESS RELEASE**

For Immediate Release:

Klamath County hires new Public Health Director

The Board of Klamath County Commissioners are pleased to announce the hiring of Courtney Vanbragt as the Public Health Director effective July 1, 2016. Vanbragt replaces Marilyn Sutherland, who is retiring.

Vanbragt currently serves as a Klamath County Health Department Program Manager. She has a Bachelor of Science in Health Studies, a Masters in International Health, and a Minor in Biology.

Before coming to Klamath County Public Health, Vanbragt previously worked in health related positions in Australia, Canada and California. She has experience in data management, developing logic models and evaluation plans, policy development, providing consultation to staff and community members regarding health promotion theories and best practices.

"This is an exciting time in Klamath County for Public Health. Prevention and health promotion programs are rapidly modernizing just as positive change through community-wide health initiatives are beginning to take root. I am deeply honored by this opportunity to lead our public health department in this new era and eager to make a positive impact on the health status of our wonderfully diverse and developing community". Said Vanbragt

The Board of Commissioners are pleased to welcome Vanbragt to this leadership role. Vanbragt has already been active in the Blue Zones Project of Klamath Falls, a health promotion initiative.

Questions can be directed to: Kelley Minty Morris, 541-883-5100.

