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Jeremy Lapedis Named New Washtenaw Health Plan Executive Director

YPSILANTI, Mich., August 12, 2019 – The Washtenaw Health Plan (WHP) is happy to announce Jeremy Lapedis will be the organization’s new executive director. Lapedis has a strong background in connecting health and social services in Washtenaw County and beyond.

“Health is more than just the care you get at the doctor’s office,” says Lapedis. “The Washtenaw Health Plan assists county residents with access to healthcare, but they don’t stop there. If clients have any problem, WHP helps them. I’m thrilled to work with this staff that supports people so holistically.”



Jeremy Lapedis at the WHP office. [Download photo for use in articles here.](#)

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Lapedis recently earned his doctorate in public health from Harvard. He also has a master's degree in public health from Johns Hopkins and a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan.

For several years, Lapedis has worked at the [Center for Health and Research Transformation \(CHRT\)](#) as a program manager for the local [State Innovation Model \(SIM\)](#), a [Washtenaw Health Initiative](#) demonstration that helps individuals with complex health needs access the medical, behavioral, and social services they require. He will continue to support the regional SIM on a limited basis through a contract between CHRT, backbone organization to the Washtenaw Health Initiative, and the WHP.

"After being away from Washtenaw County for a while, I'm excited to continue working in the place I call home," says Lapedis, who grew up in Ann Arbor. "I want my work to focus on reducing inequities and valuing diversity in Washtenaw County. I hope to lend a hand in creating a more just place for all residents in the county."

Lapedis will be taking over for current Executive Director Ellen Rabinowitz, who will retire later this summer after decades of public service with Washtenaw County. Lapedis will begin as executive director on September 3, 2019.

"We are so excited to have Jeremy in this role," says Rabinowitz. "His work on the State Innovation Model gives him a keen understanding of our community's need for access to care. His familiarity with community partners will bring great value to his role at the Washtenaw Health Plan."

WHP is a private non-profit organization that is closely aligned with the Washtenaw County Health Department. The organization is a public-private partnership with key partners including Michigan Medicine, St. Joseph Mercy Health System and Washtenaw County. The organization helps people access health care coverage, including Medicaid, Medicare, Marketplace, employer insurance, and more. In addition, staff can help clients with a variety of issues related directly or indirectly to health, from immigration to housing. WHP has English, Spanish, and Arabic-speaking staff and interpreting services are available for most other languages. Walk in for help Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Washtenaw County Human Services building at 555 Towner Street, Ypsilanti. Or call 734-544-3030.

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The Washtenaw Health Plan works directly with people to assess their eligibility for health coverage and to secure coverage. Visit healthcarecounts.org or call 734-544-3030. Walk in for help Monday through Friday from 9am to 4pm. Spanish-speaking and Arabic-speaking staff members available. WHP is located the Washtenaw County Human Services building at 555 Towner Street, Ypsilanti.

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