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Health Sciences South Carolina Names Former Leader Moskowitz as Interim President

Former NIH Deputy Director Previously Led HSSC from 2007-2013

COLUMBIA, S.C., July 12, 2015 - - [Health Sciences South Carolina](#) (HSSC) has named Jay Moskowitz, PhD, as interim president of the nation's first statewide health research organization that includes South Carolina's largest research universities and health systems. Moskowitz previously served as the HSSC's first CEO and president from 2007 through 2013 prior to retiring. He joins HSSC as a consultant through his company, Health Sciences Health Improvement (HSHI), in Pennsylvania LLC.

Moskowitz replaces former CEO and president Helga Rippen, MD, PhD, MPH, FACPM. Rippen left HSSC in June to accept the position of chief medical officer with Alertgy.

Moskowitz has a distinguished record in advancing health-related research. He was with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for 27 years, rising to the position of principal deputy director. The NIH is one the federal government's most prolific sources of health research funding. Moskowitz also spent eight years as senior associate dean for Science and Technology at Wake Forest University School of Medicine. He was the associate vice president of Health Sciences Research and vice dean for research and Graduate Studies at the Penn State College of Medicine prior to joining HSSC.

Commenting on the appointment, HSSC Board Chair and Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) President David J. Cole, MD, said, "We are very pleased that Jay Moskowitz has agreed to lead Health Sciences South Carolina on an interim basis as we embark on a national search for a new CEO and president. Jay is a remarkable leader whose vision and ability to bring diverse partners to the table is unequalled."

Since 2004, HSSC has focused on improving the health status of South Carolinians through collaborative research and health system improvement. From the beginning, HSSC's strength has been its ability to convene diverse organizations and foster collaboration toward achieving the vision of a healthier South Carolina. [HSSC members](#) include Clemson University, MUSC, and USC with its medical schools in Columbia and Greenville; along with AnMed Health, Greenville Health System, MUSC Health, McLeod Health, Palmetto Health, Self Regional Healthcare, and Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System.

About Health Sciences South Carolina

Health Sciences South Carolina (HSSC) was established in 2004 as the nation's first biomedical research collaborative. Today its member organizations include seven of the state's largest health systems, including AnMed Health, Greenville Health System, McLeod Health, the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) Hospital Authority, Palmetto Health, Self Regional Healthcare, and Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System, as well as the state's largest research-intensive universities, including Clemson University, MUSC, and the University of South Carolina with its Schools of Medicine at Columbia and Greenville. The unique collaboration was formed with the vision of improving South Carolina's public health and economic wellbeing through research. Visit www.healthsciencessc.org.

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