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Daniel Gentry Named President & CEO of AUPHA

Washington, DC, February 6, 2020 – The Board of Directors of the Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA) announced today that Daniel Gentry, PhD, MHA, has been named President and Chief Executive Officer of the Association. Gentry succeeds Gerald L. Glandon, PhD, who announced his retirement from AUPHA on October 31, 2019. Gentry will assume the role on March 16, 2020.

Since 2016, Daniel Gentry has served as Clinical Professor of Health Management and Policy and MHA Program Director, College of Public Health, University of Iowa. From 2011 to 2016, he served as Professor and Director of Health Systems Management and Policy, and as Associate Dean for Academic and Faculty Affairs, School of Public Health, University of Memphis. From 2007 to 2011, he served as Professor of Health Systems Management and Director of the MS in Health Systems Management Program at Rush University, Chicago. Dr. Gentry spent the first 13 years of his career, 1994-2007, at Saint Louis University, where he directed the MHA Program from 2003-2007.

“I am thrilled for the opportunity to serve as the next President and CEO of AUPHA. It’s the role of a lifetime, especially for someone like me who’s passion has been, and is, helping our educational programs, leadership, and students and alumni excel and succeed. I feel like I’ve been preparing nearly 30 years for this leadership role,” said Gentry.

Gentry has taught in the areas of healthcare organization, healthcare management and leadership, human resources management, organizational analysis and change, and professional development. His research interests have included the financing, organization, and delivery of prevention and care services, tobacco policy,

obesity policy, HIV/STD policy, evaluation of health and social service programs, and quality improvement and the patient experience.

Currently, Dr. Gentry is serving as Chair of ACHE's LGBTQ Forum, and as a Commissioner for CAHME. He is a past Fellow, Board Member, and Board Chair of CAHME, and a past Board Member of AUPHA. He earned his BA from the College of Charleston, MHA from the Medical University of South Carolina, and PhD in Health Services and Policy Analysis from the University of California, Berkeley.

"I am very pleased as Dan is the right person at the right time to serve as President and CEO of AUPHA. Dan possesses the depth and breadth of knowledge and experience in our field," said Leigh Cellucci, PhD, Chair of AUPHA's Board of Directors. "He has demonstrated that he has served well with key partners of AUPHA, and his enthusiasm and passion for AUPHA is unparalleled. Dan's appointment reflects the search committee's dedication to finding an outstanding leader who shares our collective vision and approach to be recognized as the global leader in advancing higher education and scholarship in healthcare management and health policy. We are in good hands."

"The AUPHA has had a stellar cadre of leaders and Jerry Glandon will be a difficult act to follow as President and CEO," according to Diane M. Howard, PhD, Chair of AUPHA's Search Committee. "With the assistance of a fantastic search committee of academic and practice leaders in the health management space and the search team from Isaacson Miller, Washington, DC, we were able to attract the best and brightest to interview for the AUPHA role. It was our honor to interview a cadre of candidates who were marvelous representations of what our graduate programs have produced. Dan is an avid spokesperson for faculty and student scholarship and excellence in the field. He has a network of organizations and colleagues that will work to advance the AUPHA vision and brand. Wherever Dan has worked, he has made the organization infinitely better for having been there."

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