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COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY HIRES NEW PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER

Babatunde A. Jinadu, M.D. M.P.H., is Currently Kern County Public Health Officer/Director of Public Health Services

Babatunde A. Jinadu, M.D., M.P.H., has accepted the position as County of San Diego Public Health Officer, the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) has announced.

Dr. Jinadu comes to San Diego County from Kern County, where he served as Kern County Public Health Officer and Director of Public Health Services since 1989. He begins work in San Diego County June 8, 2007.

“Dr. Jinadu has an impressive background that includes a Doctor of Medicine degree from Columbia University, as well as a Masters in Public Health from University of California, Berkeley,” said Jean Shepard, Director, HHS. “He brings considerable leadership experience to San Diego County, and his broad expertise in Pediatrics, Preventive Medicine and Public Health suits him well to the position of County Public Health Officer.”

“It is very exciting to have the opportunity to work in a well respected public health agency,” said Dr. Jinadu. “I am very aware of the dedication and the quality of work being carried out by the staff and management of the County. It will be wonderful to be a part of that family.”

Dr. Jinadu will oversee a wide range of Public Health programs in San Diego County, including Pandemic Influenza; Community Epidemiology; Hepatitis, STD and HIV; Immunizations; Emergency Medical Services; Tuberculosis Control; Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention; Maternal, Child and Family Health Services; Public Health Nursing; Public Health Laboratory; and Vital Records and Statistics.

A native of Nigeria, Dr. Jinadu was appointed to the State Emergency Medical Services Authority in 1997, and serves on the Board of Directors of both the California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO) and Health Officers Association of California (HOAC).

In Kern County, Dr. Jinadu has served as a commissioner on the Kern County Children and Families Commission, and has served on the Kern County Network for Children.

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