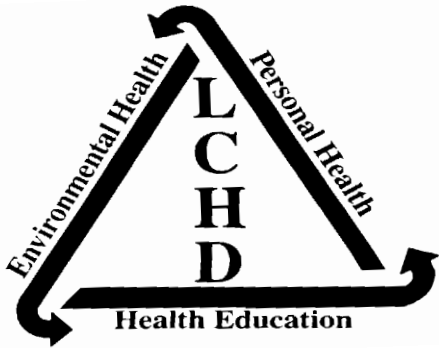


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“New Public Health Administrator Hired”

Ottawa, IL – Bill Johnson, President of the LaSalle County Board of Health, announced that Christine Pozzi, BS, LEHP, will be the new Public Health Administrator beginning on June 6, 2022. Bill Johnson said, “Chris Pozzi has a wealth of knowledge and experience that she brings to her new position as Public Health Administrator. As a long-term employee of the LaSalle County Health Department her 29 years of experience is a tremendous asset to the Board of Health.”

Ms. Pozzi is a LaSalle County native who began her career with the Health Department in 1992 as an Associate Sanitarian. She became a Sanitarian in 1993, and then became the Wastewater Coordinator in 1995. Ms. Pozzi then became the Environmental Health Division’s Supervising Sanitarian in 2001 and was promoted to Environmental Health Division Director in 2016.

Chris Pozzi replaces Julie Kerestes who will retire on June 3, 2022. Ms. Kerestes has been the Public Health Administrator at the LaSalle County Health Department since 2001. Ms. Kerestes has had a 36-year public health career. She came to work at the newly formed LaSalle County Health Department in 1987. Ms. Kerestes and Ms. Pozzi have worked very closely together in all aspects of Public Health Administration including administrative and fiscal duties, personnel operations, policy development, and during the COVID pandemic.

Attached Picture: Christine Pozzi, BS, LEHP, LaSalle County Health Department Public Health Administrator.

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