

MAHEC Selects Daniel J. Frayne, MD, as new President



With support from the search committee and senior leadership team, MAHEC is pleased to announce that Dan Frayne will assume the newly created role of MAHEC President in July. Since joining MAHEC in 2006 as a Family Medicine physician, Dan has held many leadership roles including medical director for all MAHEC Family Health Centers, medical director for Regional Services, and Associate Professor at UNC Chapel Hill School of Medicine, to name a few.

For those of you who know Dr. Frayne, you have likely witnessed his innovative teaching style, tireless commitment to accessible culturally appropriate healthcare for all people in Western North Carolina, and relentless dedication to quality improvement. He has a proven track record of being an astute visionary, and his successes have had far-reaching positive impacts on our entire organization.

We realize this transition will create a significant change in the leadership team at Family Medicine, particularly in clinical operations and practice transformation, but MAHEC is committed to a gradual and thoughtful transition so as not to adversely affect any of the good work happening in our Family Health Centers. In his new role, Dan will focus on working with existing teams around budget and operations along with guiding implementation of new programs that are part of UNC Health Sciences at MAHEC. Jeff Heck will remain in the CEO and AHEC Director role and is very much looking forward to having this second-in-command position to allow more time to continue forging relationships with our key partners in WNC and in the Chapel Hill/Raleigh area.

While Dan's official start date in his new role will be July 9th, he will assume his new duties gradually, ultimately assuming supervisory responsibilities for most of MAHEC's leadership team.

Thank you to the search committee for the time and energy they invested in this process. We were fortunate to have many very strong candidates, and while it was a difficult decision, we know we have chosen the best person for the job.

Search committee members included:

Tammy Wood, MBA | Chief Operating Officer at MAHEC

Beth Buys, MD | Director, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at MAHEC

Carol Steen, MBA, PHR, SHRM-CP | Director of Human Resources at MAHEC

Bill Hathaway, MD | Chief Medical Officer at Mission Hospital

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Frayne on his new role!