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Sam Dean Named New Administrator of USA Medical Center in Mobile

MOBILE, Ala. -- Sam Dean has been named the new administrator of USA Medical Center, which serves as the region's only Level 1 Trauma Center and includes one of the busiest burn units in the country, the Arnold Luterman Regional Burn Center. In his new role, Dean will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the 1,400-employee acute care hospital dedicated to helping people lead longer, better lives. He was most recently chief operating officer of Merit Health Central, a Jackson, Miss.-based community health system which includes a trauma center and burn unit. He officially joins USA Health on Jan. 3, 2017.

Dean has more than 15 years of healthcare leadership experience, serving as vice president of clinical services and assistant chief executive officer at Trinity Medical Center in Birmingham, Ala., before moving to Mississippi in April 2015. From 2006 to 2010 Dean worked at Mobile Infirmary as director of clinic operations where he led ancillary services and satellite clinic locations. In 2005 he served for a year as an administrative resident at Thomas Hospital in Fairhope.

Dean's appointment follows a retirement announcement earlier this year by USA Medical Center administrator Beth Anderson who has led the academic medical center for nearly 20 years.

"Sam is a talented, committed and caring leader, and I know he will do a great job in this new role," said Owen Bailey, chief operating officer of USA Health. "His previous health care experience, in a variety of settings, makes him an excellent choice to lead USA Medical Center. He will build upon the outstanding work that Beth has done at the Medical Center."

Dean expressed his excitement about joining USA Medical Center.

"I have always admired USA Medical Center and USA Health for its leadership and impact on healthcare in our state and region," Dean said. "It is an honor to join this great team and to help continue a tradition of providing quality healthcare, research and education to our region."

Dean earned a bachelor's degree in Biomedical Sciences and Business from Auburn University, and Masters of Business Administration and Health Administration from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives. Previously, he served as a member of the Alabama Hospital Association.

Dean and his wife, Alicia, have two daughters, Hadley and Mary.