

## **Robert (Bob) Sellers named President at Clay County Hospital**

*Sellers begins his President role at Clay County Hospital on July 15*

FLORA, IL (June 5, 2019) – The Clay County Hospital Committee and SSM Health are pleased to announce Robert (Bob) Sellers as the new President of Clay County Hospital. Sellers has more than 40 years of experience in health care leadership. For the past five years, he has served as CEO of Optim Surgery Partners and Screven Medical Centers in Screven, Georgia.

Sellers is a familiar face to many people in the hospital and the community. He served as President of Clay County Hospital between 2009-2013 and was actively involved in many community organizations during this time.

Sellers' appointment to the President role at Clay County Hospital is truly a homecoming. "It's an honor to be returning to Clay County Hospital. My wife and I have always considered this to be home," said Sellers. "I look forward to getting back into the operations of the hospital and clinics, getting re-acquainted with staff, and building relationships with the great providers who serve our community every day. Together, we will leverage the commitment of our community, along with the resources of SSM Health, to provide excellent health care to residents of Clay County long into the future."

Sellers has proven experience in operations, physician recruitment, program development, and strategic planning. "Bob is an experienced leader with so much positive energy," says Kerry Swanson, Regional President of SSM Health – Illinois. "We are pleased to welcome him back to Clay County, and also introduce him into the SSM Health family."

In addition to a long career in health care, Sellers served and retired from the United States Air Force after 20 years. He and his wife, Julie, have five children and 10 grandchildren.

"Bob has family roots in Southern Illinois," says Ted Whitehead, Chairperson of the Clay County Board and the Clay County Hospital Committee. "It's a privilege to welcome him back to Clay County. With his extensive experience, Bob will be a great asset to our hospital and our community. He gets actively involved and has a true community spirit."

Sellers begins his President role at Clay County Hospital on July 15, 2019. A community welcome reception is being planned in his honor.

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