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The Project of Primary Health Care names Becky Johnson as Clinical Director

The Project of Primary Health Care has named Becky Johnson, DNP, ARNP as the new clinical director. In this new role, Johnson will oversee the HIV clinical care for patients at The Project.

"I'm excited to be back working with The Project on a daily basis," said Johnson. "Providing high quality, patient-centered care to lowans living with HIV has always been my goal, and I'm looking forward to continuing this work as the clinical leader of such a passionate and committed team."

Johnson has more than 15 years of experience working with lowans living with HIV. In 2012, she led the transition and merger of the Primary Health Care HIV program and the AIDS Project of Central Iowa. Johnson has served in almost every role at The Project including HIV prevention specialist, case manager, and nurse care manager before becoming a director, provider and now clinical director.

David Yurdin, PA-C, AAHIVS, the long-time Clinical Director of The Project, will be transitioning to a part-time mentoring role for new providers with The Project and PHC, as Johnson takes the lead. He will continue to focus on the integration of HIV care with primary healthcare, HIV prevention, and quality healthcare screening for aging people that are living with HIV.

"Becky has a passion for service to those living with HIV. The Project is blessed to have her assume the role as clinical director," said Yurdin.

In addition to her work with The Project, Johnson will continue to provide transgender health care, women's health care and medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder to PHC patients.

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The Project of Primary Health Care provides confidential, free or low-cost services to prevent HIV/STIs and help people living with HIV move through the stages of HIV medical care. PHC is a nonprofit community health center with 15 locations throughout Ames, Des Moines and Marshalltown. They provide medical, dental, behavioral health, HIV care, homeless support and other services to the medically insured, uninsured and underinsured with their health care needs. PHC works to bridge the gaps in care identified by the communities they serve in Iowa for more than 35 years.