

The Washington County Family YMCA has chosen new leadership for their organization with the announcement of new board members and a decision on their CEO selection process. Ryan Penrod, Scott County Family YMCA CEO, will be serving as the Interim CEO of the Washington County Family YMCA via a management agreement between Scott and Washington County YMCAs. Steve Brewer, Board Chair stated, "Following an extensive and thorough CEO selection process we have chosen to pursue a management agreement with Scott County Family YMCA for their CEO to assume the duties of CEO of our YMCA as well."

The Washington County Family YMCA has worked the past three months to complete the CEO selection process. After concluding the search, YMCA board members found themselves desiring the opportunity to work with a CEO with a proven track record of success and experience. YUSA gives local YMCA branches the option to pursue a management agreement with a nearby YMCA for up to 24 months if a candidate cannot be secured to meet the needs of the YMCA.

The Washington County Family YMCA and Scott County Family YMCA were already in the process of talking and exploring opportunities to partner to better serve their members and community. Beth Armstrong, Interim CEO stated, "Non-profits across the state and nation are being encouraged to pursue avenues to collaborate and work on a regional level to address issues in the communities we serve. Following this trend we were already talking to Scott County about how we might strengthen our relationship and work together to meet the growing needs of our members and communities. Pursuing the management agreement seemed like the perfect first step." In addition, Troy Walls, a returning board member and member of the selection committee stated, "I feel this decision positions us best for success long term."

Ryan Penrod brings to the Washington County YMCA ten years of experience within the YMCA organization. Since starting as CEO at the Scott County YMCA in 2011, Ryan was able to cut \$10,000 in expenses while increasing income by \$30,000 in the first 16 months. Additionally Ryan has positioned the YMCA as a whole for greater success in Scott County. Scott County YMCA Board Chair Scott Borden stated, "We have been nothing but pleased with Ryan's leadership at our YMCA and we are excited to partner with Washington County YMCA to pursue even greater progress for both organizations."

When asked about the opportunity to work with the Washington County community, Ryan stated, "I'm looking forward to learning more about our neighbors in Washington County and at the YMCA. History has shown that when non-profits work together to pursue collaborative efforts, success often follows not only for the organizations, but more importantly for the people we strive to serve each day through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility."

The Y is also pleased to announce new leadership on their board of directors. The Washington County Family YMCA voted unanimously to approve several new board members at their annual meeting on April 29th. The Y welcomes the following new members to their board: Donna Brewster, Rusty Hudson, Dustin Houchin, Wes Jones, Melissa Richardson, Mark Walker, Troy Walls and Cindy Winkler. The YMCA thanks the following retiring board members for their service and dedication to the YMCA: Stephanie Ferriell, Lee Jaeger, Coyla Short, Beth

Smith and Aaron Weller.

Aaron Weller was presented with the Ernie Gravitt Award in recognition of his service as a long time board member and the retiring board chair at the annual meeting. When presenting the award Armstrong stated, "This award is given each year to a YMCA member who has exemplified a passion and commitment to the YMCA mission to put christian principles into practice through programs that build a healthy spirit, mind and body for all. Aaron has spent countless hours providing leadership to the board and staff during his term. We thank him for his service!" Aaron Weller was instrumental in leading the YMCA board through the CEO selection process and ultimately the decision to partner with Scott County.

"As an organization, we feel we are positioned for success like we have not been before. Membership is strong, our team of employees is passionate about our organization, our board is committed to focusing on the future and with Ryan's experience and success we look forward to moving nothing but up!" stated Brewer.

The YMCA currently has enrollment open for summer camp, preschool and membership. In addition the YMCA will be hosting a blood drive on June 17th as well as a mobile hearing screening unit on June 17 & 18. To learn more about the YMCA or ask questions, visit www.wcfymca.org or call 812-883-YMCA.