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Foundation for California Community Colleges Vice President Appointed Director of Health Care Operations by Governor Schwarzenegger

SACRAMENTO – Jeff Thompson, vice president for learning programs at the Foundation for California Community Colleges, has been appointed director of health care operations for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Thompson assumes his new position Dec. 3.

Thompson has been at the Foundation since 2005. During this time, he co-directed the Foundation's Early College High School program. Funded by grants from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the nationwide initiative increases college enrollment by partnering high schools with community colleges. He also oversaw the recent redesign of the Public Service Career Pathways program, which provides college and university students statewide with study-related part-time employment.

Prior to his tenure at the Foundation, Thompson was the first principal at Middle College High School at San Joaquin Delta College, an Early College High School. He has also held various positions at Bear Creek High School and Lodi High School since 1979. Before embarking on an education career, Thompson was a budget analyst for the Department of Finance.

As director of health care operations, Thompson will be responsible for developing and implementing operating policies for the health care delivery system at the state's 33 prisons. He will also oversee the department's administrative operations.

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