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Harman's resignation surprises Cassia Regional

BURLEY — Cassia Regional Medical Center Administrator Kenneth Harman announced his resignation this week. Harman has been the administrator of the Burley hospital for more than five years.

CRMC is a 25-bed facility that is part of Intermountain Healthcare's chain of 26 hospitals in Idaho and Utah.

CRMC Governing Board Chairman Clay Handy was not available for comment on Friday.

State Rep. Fred Wood, R-Burley, a retired physician who serves as the hospital governing board's medical adviser, said word of the resignation came earlier in the week.

"I was informed Tuesday that he'd resigned," Wood said. "It caught everybody by total surprise, including me. But I haven't had an opportunity to sit down with him so I can't comment on it."

Harman was unavailable for comment on Friday.

According to a press release issued by CRMC, Intermountain Healthcare Regional Vice President Robert Allen will serve as the interim hospital administrator.

The press release said the staff of CRMC is committed to providing excellent health care to area residents, and the change will have no impact on the range of medical services the hospital provides.

Harman previously spent nine years as an assistant administrator at Sutter Health, a large hospital company in northern California.