

Benjamin Smalley chosen as new Burley hospital leader

BURLEY — Benjamin Smalley has been hired as Cassia Regional Hospital's new administrator.

Smalley will step into the job on Monday, July 17.

He will take the place of Rod Barton, who retired on July 7, after he served for seven years as head of the hospital.

Prior to being hired at CRH Smalley worked at Intermountain Bear River Valley Hospital in Tremonton, Utah, where he was the administrator and CEO.

"We are pleased to welcome Ben to Cassia Regional," Tim Pehrson, Intermountain Healthcare's North Region CEO and vice president said in a statement. "In this role, Ben will have responsibility for safety, quality, patient experience, access, stewardship, caregiver engagement, and growth for Cassia Regional Hospital."

While Smalley worked at the Tremonton hospital Smalley introduced several new clinical programs that served the community and guided the hospital towards a formal Women and Newborn Center.

"It's really exciting that the new hospital administrator has been named," Stephanie Curtis Cassia Regional Hospital spokeswoman said.

Curtis said because Smalley was part of the larger Intermountain Healthcare team staff, members at the hospital already know him.

"We've already had the opportunity to work with him so that is really great," Curtis said.

Before joining Intermountain in 2015, Smalley worked in Norfolk, Virginia where he served as administrator for a 50-provider cardiology group and he performed strategic planning for a Virginia Beach hospital.

He intends to relocate his family from Utah to Mini-Cassia.

"I am excited to be part of Mini-Cassia and become familiar with the community," Smalley said. "I look forward to building friendships, establishing lasting connections, and helping Cassia Regional make a difference in helping the community live the healthiest lives possible."

Smalley will use his administrative experience to bring a fresh perspective on health care and align the hospital with the community's needs.

"I am a huge believer in our not-for-profit mission and in adding value to the community," Smalley said. "Our mission is Helping people live the healthiest lives possible, and Intermountain Healthcare and the community have come together to make a great investment in health care here. As the area continues to grow, I would like to be a catalyst in making sure we continue to meet the needs of the area, and provide quality care close to home. That's really important to me."

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Smalley earned master's degrees from the University of Minnesota in business and healthcare and a bachelor's degree in social psychology at Brigham Young University.

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