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Barry Fisher, MPPA
Agency Director
Ventura County Health Care

Fisher assumed the role of director in March of 2014. Prior to his current position, he served as chief deputy director for the agency, appointed in December 2012, after serving in many increasingly responsible positions since he began with the agency in 2001. Initially hired as the administrator of emergency medical services, Fisher oversaw all pre-hospital emergency care providers across the county. He was promoted to division manager of public health and became director of the public health department in 2008.

During his tenure as public health director, Fisher was at the helm of the highly successful implementation of the countywide trauma system. Additionally, he was responsible for the development of comprehensive disaster planning for Ventura County and, in 2009, oversaw the daily operations at public health during the H1N1 influenza outbreak.

At head of the largest agency within the County of Ventura, and with a total workforce of more than 3,000, Fisher oversees the management of two hospitals, Ventura County Medical Center and Santa Paula Hospital, as well as a specialty and ambulatory clinic system that exceeds 60 locations throughout the county; the Public Health Department; the Behavioral Health Department; Animal Services; Emergency Medical Services; the Medical Examiner's office; and the Ventura County Health Care Plan.

With a master's degree in public policy and administration from California Lutheran University, Fisher has served on a number of boards, including the California Association of Public Hospitals, California Lutheran University, Community Leaders Association (president), State of California Trauma Advisory Committee, California Health Executives Association, and many



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others. He was a member, and served as chair, of the City of Thousand Oaks Planning Commission. He is also a licensed paramedic.

Known for his excellent interpersonal and leadership skills, it was no surprise to anyone when Fisher was voted the “Hardest Worker in Ventura County” by the Ventura County Star in 2007.