

## POPLAR BLUFF REGIONAL CEO ACCEPTS NEW POSITION

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**POPLAR BLUFF, MO., March 3, 2016** – Ken James has announced his resignation as the CEO at Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center, effective March 31, 2016. After three years in the role, James has accepted a position with Tennova Healthcare - Harton, a hospital in his hometown of Tullahoma, Tennessee.

"Over the last three years, our hospital has made phenomenal strides. We opened a new campus, and invested in the future of care with new service lines, new technology and new providers. We've been recognized nationally for our programs and our patient outcomes," said James. "I'm honored to have been a part of all of those things. But more importantly, I'm proud to have worked side-by-side with the physicians and employees who make it possible every day."

The search for a new CEO is underway. Members of the Board, senior administration and physician leadership will be involved in the selection process to find a candidate who is the right fit for the medical center and the community.

"The future of Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center is very bright because of the dedication of our physicians and employees to providing compassionate, quality care, "said Phil Santie, chairman, Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center Board of Trustees. "We are committed to a smooth leadership transition for our patients and to continuing the momentum that Ken helped establish."