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EMPLOYERS HEALTH VICE PRESIDENT NAMED TO ACCESS HEALTH COLUMBUS BOARD COMMITTED TO MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE COST, QUALITY & ACCESSIBILITY OF HEALTH CARE IN THE COMMUNITY

(DUBLIN, OH)— Mike Stull, Regional Vice President for Employers Health in Central Ohio, has been elected to the Access Health Columbus Board of Directors. Access Health Columbus is a public-private partnership in Central Ohio whose strategic plan includes six key principles:

- **Coordinate Improvements to Health Care Safety-Net**
“working in collaboration with our public and private partners”
- **Support Incubator for Innovation**
“our priority is to integrate improvements, not operate direct health care services”
- **Monitor Health Care Safety-Net Capacity & Utilization**
“view from the perspective of the vulnerable people we serve”
- **Bring Together Policy Makers & Stakeholders**
“support negotiating table of leaders from health care, government, business and the community”
- **Host Conversations in the Community**
“building awareness and strengthening partnerships”
- **Advocate for Access to Health Care**
“focus on increasing health insurance coverage and sustainability for local health care initiatives”

Mr. Stull, who has been with Employers Health for over four years, previously worked with local committees in Northeast Ohio on Access issues prior to moving to Central Ohio in 2008. His work in Northeast Ohio included participation on the COMPASS health committee, which provided resources to the community and hosted an educational program each year during “Cover the Uninsured Week.”

Employers Health has been active in the community in regards to helping the uninsured or underinsured find care. In 2005, Employers Health awarded six community organizations \$100,000 in grants for projects related to improving accessibility. In 2006, Employers Health helped fund a *Stark County Health Resource*

Guide that listed all free or sliding-fee medical services in the county. In 2009, Employers Health provided \$20,000 to help create an Executive Director position for the new Access Health Stark County.

“Working on this issue really opened my eyes to the needs of those in our community,” commented Mr. Stull. “The people and organizations in our community who work on this issue are doing some incredible things, a lot of which goes unnoticed. Accessibility to health care is an issue everyone pays for, regardless of insurance status. I look forward to contributing to the great work Access Health Columbus is already doing.”

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