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DEANDRE JAMES SELECTED TO SERVE AS PAJARO VALLEY COMMUNITY HEALTH TRUST'S NEXT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Shebreh Kalantari-Johnson, Chairperson of the Pajaro Valley Community Health Trust's Board of Directors, announced this week that the Selection Committee has chosen DeAndre James to serve as the organization's next Executive Director. Mr. James, who began his healthcare career as a Hospital Corpsman in the US Navy, joins the Health Trust from recent service as Chief Operating Officer at San Mateo Medical Center, a government hospital with a mission for serving the underserved. DeAndre came to know Santa Cruz County in his prior role as Executive Director of Dignity Health Medical Group – Dominican. Mr. James has worked in various roles within the healthcare sector across the past two decades. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Healthcare Management from Southern Illinois University and a Master's in Health System Management from Rush University. On accepting the position, Mr. James affirmed that he's *"Looking forward to working with everyone in the community to continue the great history of Pajaro Valley Community Health Trust."* **Mr. James will begin his tenure on February 25, 2019. For questions or to arrange time to meet with him, please phone 831-761-5639.**

To promote a successful transition of leadership, Caitlin Brune will finish out her contract as Acting CEO on March 31, 2019, using the time to orient Mr. James to the organization and its key community partners. Ms. Brune remarked, "I'm pleased to be handing over responsibilities to someone steeped in making healthcare accessible to the underserved. My sincerest hope is that this time of executive transition yields opportunities to deepen and grow the work we've done together over the past two+ years, while I've been in the executive seat, and for the 18 years before that, under Kathleen King." The Health Trust will host a Meet & Greet event in early April so that community members will have an opportunity to welcome Mr. James to his new role. Event details will be posted on social media and the Health Trust's website: www.pvhealthtrust.org/events.

