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Ms. Smith is currently serving as the Interim Director of the Center for Local Public Health Services at the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. She also manages the statewide Maternal Child Health (MCH) Services Program and contract, functions as a member of the State Title V MCH Block Grant team, is a team leader of the DHSS Emergency Response Center's Local Public Health Agency Management Team, and participates in various statewide coalitions, advisory committees, and work groups.

Ms. Smith earned her BS in Nursing and a dual MS in Nursing from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas, with specialized focus in Child/Family Advanced Practice Nursing and Nursing/Healthcare Administration. She began her career in nursing in 1986, was inducted into the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing in 1991, became certified as a Child/Family Clinical Nurse Specialist in 1994, and has been a licensed administrator since 2013.

Her professional experience encompasses a diversity of nursing roles across the lifespan, including patient care provider, clinical nurse specialist, nurse consultant, nurse educator, healthcare regulator, and healthcare administrator, and in a variety of healthcare settings, including pediatric acute care, pediatric and adult home/hospice care, pediatric and adult long-term care, local and state community and public health, and academia. She has been privileged to speak at various events to both community members and healthcare professionals on a variety of health topics.

Since 1997, Ms. Smith has owned a private consulting company, providing consultation to hospitals, schools, home/hospice agencies, other healthcare providers and organizations, and private entities. She has worked as a community nurse consultant for individuals with mental retardation and developmental disabilities and as a case manager for children with special health care needs. Her post-secondary teaching experience includes didactic and clinical instruction in Child/Family Nursing, Obstetrical Nursing, Geriatric Nursing, Human Growth & Development, and Leadership & Management.

Ms. Smith's public health experience includes maternal, infant, and early childhood home visiting, children and youth with special care needs, school health, emergency preparedness, community-based health education and screening, and state public health program management.