

MEUHP announces Tom Quinn as the first Executive Director

The MEUHP is excited to announce Tom Quinn assumed the role as the first Executive Director of our non-profit organization. Tom has an extensive background in education and will be a tremendous asset to the MEUHP.

Tom worked 9 years in Jefferson City, MO at the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) in the positions of Assistant Commissioner, Director of School Governance, Director of School Transportation and Director of School Finance. Before joining DESE, Tom spent 28 years working in Centralia public schools serving as a teacher, principal, and athletic director before becoming superintendent of schools in 1986. Previous to his time in Centralia he spent two years in the National Teacher Corp Program teaching in the inner city of Louisville, KY. After DESE, Tom spent time working for an international science curriculum company and an education consulting firm.

Tom has been active in church and community activities throughout his career. Presently he is a member of the Jefferson City Breakfast Rotary Club, a board member for the Mid-America Center for Ministry and Cole County Residential Services. Tom and his wife are natives of Monroe City and currently reside in Jefferson City. They have 4 children and 9 grandchildren.



Ken Cook, President of the MEUHP, is eager to begin working with Tom in his new role. Ken Cook said "With the unique opportunity in managing the MEUHP, we are confident that under Tom's excellent leadership, we will continue to grow our program - by educators - for educators."

We asked Tom to give us a few thoughts on his new leadership role.

"I am honored that the MEUHP Board of Directors selected me as their first Executive Director. In my role as Executive Director the board has established the basic framework for my job responsibilities which include: implement the policies of the board; provide leadership, direction and guidance for MEUHP activities; evaluate the effectiveness of all MEUHP operations; develop and maintain organizational structure; serve as a representative and spokesperson for MEUHP to member districts, third party administrator, claims administrator and the general public.

The structure of MEUHP with superintendents as the elected Board of Directors, school district flexibility to choose plans and the statewide membership in a self-funded pool that has as its premise that we are in this together for the benefit of all were some of the reasons why I accepted this position. As a superintendent of schools, I always wanted to be in a position where my school district could have some say in determining our own destiny.

This is a very interesting, exciting and challenging time in the health insurance industry and I feel fortunate to be actively involved. Working together we can make this one of the best health insurance programs for school districts and retirees in the nation by keeping our existing membership and adding additional school districts. In order to do this we must make sure that service to our member districts is our highest priority and that our rates are competitive while maintaining adequate reserves in our self-funded pool. Working on the behalf of the board, I am committed to these efforts."

Please feel free to get in touch with Tom with your ideas and thoughts. We all want to see the MEUHP continue to grow and improve for the long-term benefit "for educators, by educators." You can reach Tom at tquinn@meuhp.com or 573-881-3825.