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Retiring Illinois Public Health Manager Receives Cancer Awards

Springfield, Illinois, Friday, July 29, 2016. Robert Zettler, Manager of the Comprehensive Cancer Control Program within the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), received two cancer awards in Springfield on July 27th. Prior to joining IDPH, he was a Patient Services Manager for Christie Clinic in Champaign, Illinois. Zettler is retiring today after 31 years of service in IDPH.

For the past seventeen years, Zettler has been manager of the state's Men's Health/Prostate Cancer Program and for the past five years, managed the state-wide Comprehensive Cancer Control Program responsible for developing and deploying the states cancer plan.

Rudy Bess, Co-Chairman of the Illinois Cancer Partnership and Founding Director of The Hope Light Foundation, presented Zettler with two awards to honor his leadership and dedication to the fight against cancer throughout the state. Bess stated "Bob is a true professional that truly cares about saving lives by helping people prevent and detect cancer early."

Bess presented Zettler with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Illinois Cancer Partnership that stated "In recognition of your 31+ years in public health and for your outstanding dedication and lasting contributions to the fight against cancer as a leader and valued member of the Illinois Cancer Partnership." The Illinois Cancer Partnership is a state-wide partnership including public, private and nonprofit sectors that works with IDPH to prepare the state cancer plan, oversee its deployment and outcomes and promote cancer prevention and early detection to reduce burden of cancer for all individuals throughout the state.



Photo (L-R): Dr. David Steward, Southern Illinois University (SIU) School of Medicine; Kristi Lessen, Simmons Cancer Institute at SIU; Rudy Bess, Hope Light Foundation; and Bob Zettler, Illinois Department of Public Health.

Bess also presented Zettler with The Hope Light Foundation's Crystal Lighthouse Founders Award stating "in appreciation for your 31+ years in public health and for your significant accomplishments and enduring dedication to help Illinois residents reduce their burden of cancer and live longer lives." The Crystal Lighthouse Award is presented to individuals that consistently demonstrate four cancer-related character traits, i.e., Leadership, Dedication, Admiration and Inspiration.

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