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MUSC hires chief diversity officer to implement strategic plan

Anton Gunn to lead diversity, inclusion and community health innovations

Charleston, S.C. (Aug. 7, 2014) - The Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) has hired Anton Gunn to serve as the Executive Director of Community Health Innovation and Chief Diversity Officer as part of the medical center's leadership team. Gunn will begin work in January 2015, after completing a semester as a resident fellow at Harvard's Institute of Politics.

Patrick J. Cawley, M.D., Vice President of Clinical Operations and MUSC Medical Center CEO, said Gunn's responsibilities will include implementing innovative programs to improve community health and education and the implementation of the MUSC strategic diversity plan. He also will serve as an advisor to MUSC President David Cole, M.D.

"Anton's selection is a strong indication of the administration's commitment to public health and community inclusion. I look forward to working with Anton to tackle the challenges that lie ahead," said South Carolina Senator Marlon Kimpson.

Gunn was selected for the position following a national search. His distinguished career spans nearly 20 years, including service as a senior official with the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services. He previously served as an elected leader in the South Carolina House of Representatives, becoming the first African American to represent his district in 2008. Gunn holds bachelor's and master's degrees in social work from the University of South Carolina.

Gunn has been nationally recognized for his health care policy expertise, and received numerous honors and awards for his leadership. He is the founder of the 937 Strategy Group, a consulting firm that equips the next generation of social and political entrepreneurs in the health care and human services industries, and is frequently sought after for speaking engagements and media insights on national policy issues.

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