Helena-West Helena Native Beverly Johnson-Wells Returns to Join UAMS Rural Research Network

LITTLE ROCK — Beverly Johnson-Wells, MLS, recently returned to her hometown of Helena-West Helena to serve as associate director of research for the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Rural Research Network (RRN) and UAMS Regional Programs.

Johnson-Wells will play a key part in expanding research into rural areas of Arkansas. Her role includes making community connections and developing procedures to help researchers conduct their studies in rural communities. She will also help implement new studies and monitor ongoing research at the eight Regional Campuses overseen by UAMS Regional Programs.

Johnson-Wells joined UAMS from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, where she held research administration and management positions in clinical research and community outreach.

Johnson-Wells received her Bachelor of Business Administration in management at Northwood University in Cedar Hill, Texas, and a Master of Liberal Studies degree in environmental sustainability and global studies at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. She is now in the final year of a doctoral program in organizational leadership at the Chicago School of Professional Psychology.

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statewide network of regional campuses; and seven institutes: the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute, Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute, Psychiatric Research Institute, Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging, Translational Research Institute and Institute for Digital Health & Innovation. UAMS includes UAMS Health, a statewide health system that encompasses all of UAMS’ clinical enterprise including its hospital, regional clinics and clinics it operates or staffs in cooperation with other providers. UAMS is the only adult Level 1 trauma center in the state. U.S. News & World Report named UAMS Medical Center the state’s Best Hospital; ranked its ear, nose and throat program among the top 50 nationwide; and named six areas as high performing — COPD, colon cancer surgery, heart failure, hip replacement, knee replacement and lung cancer surgery. UAMS has 2,876 students, 898 medical residents and four dental residents. It is the state’s largest public employer with more than 10,000 employees, including 1,200 physicians who provide care to patients at UAMS, its regional campuses, Arkansas Children’s Hospital, the VA Medical Center and Baptist Health. Visit www.uams.edu or www.uamshealth.com. Find us on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube or Instagram.

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