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## Mayor Gray Congratulates Interim DOH Director Dr. Saul Levin on New Position with American Psychiatric Association

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) – Mayor Vincent C. Gray today congratulated D.C. Department of Health (DOH) Interim Director Dr. Saul Levin for being named the American Psychiatric Association’s new CEO and Medical Director. Dr. Levin [has led DOH since last July](#), when its permanent Director, Dr. Mohammed Akhter, took a leave of absence to serve on the Executive Board of the District’s new Health Benefit Exchange Authority.

Dr. Levin’s last day with DOH will be July 12.

***“While this is a great loss for the District government, it is a great gain for the American Psychiatric Association,”*** Mayor Gray said. ***“Dr. Levin has done an exemplary job leading DOH in this interim period, and I wish him the best in his future endeavors and thank him for his good work for us.”***

Prior to serving as Interim Director of DOH, Dr. Levin served as Senior Deputy Director of the Addiction Prevention and Recovery Administration. Previously, he was the American Medical Association’s (AMA) Vice President of for Science, Medicine and Public Health. Dr. Levin’s professional career also includes serving as a special expert appointee in the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) within the U.S Department of Health and Human Services. At SAMHSA, he led the initiative to integrate primary care, substance abuse, mental health and HIV/AIDS response.

Dr. Levin received his medical degree in 1982 from the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa. He completed his residency in psychiatry at the University of California, Davis Medical Center. He received his Master’s in Public Administration (MPA) from the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government in 1994.

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