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USU Preventive Medicine Chair Boris Lushniak to serve as Dean of University of Maryland School of Public Health

Bethesda, MD – Dr. Boris D. Lushniak, chair of the Department of Preventive Medicine and Biostatistics (PMB) at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU), will be leaving the university in November to become dean of the University of Maryland School of Public Health in College Park. Dr. Lushniak will officially assume his new role on Jan. 9, 2017.

“I am grateful for the opportunity and am ready to take on the challenge to serve as dean of the School of Public Health at a top-tier research university like the University of Maryland,” Dr. Lushniak said.

Lushniak is a retired rear admiral in the United States Public Health Service and former Deputy Surgeon General of the United States. As Deputy Surgeon General, he also served as a representative to USU’s governing Board of Regents. Upon retirement from the Public Health Service in 2015, he joined USU’s F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine as the chair of Preventive Medicine. As such, he led one of the largest departments within the School of Medicine, comprised of more than 60 full-time faculty members, supporting 10 programs and divisions responsible for enhancing health through medical education, research, and service that support and improve programs of preventive medicine, community health, and health promotion in the uniformed services.

Additionally, while at USU, Dr. Lushniak oversaw medical student education programs in preventive medicine and public health, occupational and environmental health, health administration and policy, global health and social and behavioral sciences, and eight accredited graduate degree programs in various aspects of public health. He also led accredited residency programs in two preventive medicine specialty areas and specialized training programs in tropical medicine in conjunction with the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, as well as a robust research program, including the Infectious Disease Clinical Research Program.

“Dr. Lushniak brought energy and vision to the Department of Preventive Medicine and Biostatistics. I wish him great success at the University of Maryland. Boris has had an immense impact on public health in the United States and worldwide, and will continue to do so for many years to come. USU benefited greatly from his leadership on our Board of Regents, and more recently, as a member of our faculty,” said Dr. Art Kellermann, dean of USU’s F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine.

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