



## **WNAX AM&FM NEWS**

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**Porter/retiring/jco**

**The naming of Bob Sutton as the new President and CEO of Avera Health brings the career of long time head John Porter to a close. He has been with the health system for forty-two years and was instrumental in the merger of the Benedictine (ben-a-dick-teen) and Presentation health systems to form Avera about twenty years ago.**

**Porter says he was fortunate to be part of such an important mission.....(NEWS21)(sisters)(:16)**

**Porter says Sutton will fit the role well.....(NEWS22)(can do)(:22)**

**Porter says Sutton will be able to keep the momentum moving.....(NEWS23)(seasoned)(:15)**

**Sutton had been Vice President for Human Resources for Avera Health.**

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Cole/HSC issues/jco

The new Administrator of the Human Services Center in Yankton appeared before the Government Operations and Audit Committee of the South Dakota legislature in Pierre yesterday (Monday).

Ken Cole, who started on May twenty ninth, says he is looking at employee turnover rates at the state hospital.....(NEWS21)(percent)(:15)

Cole says they have cut the vacancy rate in connection with the closure of two of their units.....(NEWS22)(closed)(:26)

Cole says staff injuries have gone down since last year.....(NEWS23)(direction)(:15)

Cole is the fourth administrator at the Human Services Center since 2011.

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