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Randall Everitt will take helm at Oregon Health Licensing Agency
New director brings strong background to the job

Salem, Oregon—Randall Everitt, a veteran of state government with expertise in management, investigations and professional licensing, will become the director of the Oregon Health Licensing Agency (OHLA) on Aug. 3, state officials announced today.

Scott Harra, Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, said that Everitt is the right person at the right time to lead an agency that has experienced major changes in management over the past six months. “Randall Everitt has established a strong record of integrity and effectiveness over a career in state government that spans more than three decades,” Harra said. “I know he will use his skills and abilities to enable all the members of the OHLA team to contribute their best efforts on behalf of the people they serve.”

Everitt comes to the position from the Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC), where he has logged five years of service as the chief investigator of contraband-smuggling and misconduct by inmates and staff. In that position, he has overseen management of the DOC’s 500 “high-alert” inmates.

Everitt has also served as assistant director of the training division of the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training. In that job, he supervised all the academy’s training coordinators and developed curriculum for training police and corrections officers.

“My main goal as the new director of the Oregon Health Licensing Agency is to restore confidence in the agency,” Everitt said. “The public—as well as the professionals and businesses who depend on us—needs to know the agency is above reproach, and that it does its job to the highest standards. Totally honesty and professionalism are the principles that will guide us, and we will never settle for less.”

The Oregon Health Licensing Agency sets uniform regulatory standards for the following professions:

- Athletic trainers
- Barbers
- Body-piercing technicians
- Denturists
- Electrologists
- Environmental health specialists and trainees
- Estheticians (skin care)
- Hair designers
- Hearing aid specialists
- Direct-entry midwives
- Nail technicians
- Nursing home administrators
- Permanent coloring technicians (tattoo artists)
- Respiratory care therapists
- Sex offender therapists
- Waste water specialists (and trainees)

In 1972, Everitt began his state government career in Idaho, where he served as an investigator in the state Department of Law Enforcement. He investigated drug crimes for the state and supervised multi-jurisdictional narcotics operations. He rose to the rank of captain, supervising training, criminal intelligence, executive protection and liaison to the Idaho legislature.

In 1988, he joined the Idaho attorney general's office, specializing in homicide, police corruption and medical fraud. As chief investigator of the Idaho Attorney General's Complex Crimes Unit, he supervised a multi-jurisdictional task force that investigated medical health fraud. He then worked for the Idaho Bureau of Occupational Licenses, where he provided investigative services for 15 professional licensing boards.