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**DHHS DEPUTY DIRECTOR NAMED "ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR"**

**Carson City**—Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Director Mike Willden announced today that Mary Liveratti, Deputy Director for the agency, was named "Administrator of the Year" by the Human Services Network at their 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Human Services Award ceremony at the Peppermill Hotel and Casino this morning.

"Mary Liveratti's entire career has been one of dedicated service to others," Willden said. "The state and the people of Nevada are fortunate to be served so effectively by someone who is such a strong advocate."

"As the Director of an agency encompassing more than 5,200 employees, I rely heavily on Mary's management skills. Her enthusiasm, leadership skills, and ability to balance program needs with fiscal accountability, are truly an asset to the overall health of our communities."

Liveratti has served as the Deputy Director of DHHS since January 2003. She is responsible for oversight of the Office of Disability Services, the Senior Rx and Disability Rx programs, Office of Suicide Prevention, Grants Management Unit, and the Head Start State Collaborative Office. She is also the Chair of the DHHS Institutional Review Board for Research Involving Human Subjects. Prior to becoming DHHS Deputy Director, Mary worked in the Nevada Division for Aging Services for 23 years, serving at various times as Administrator, Deputy Administrator, and Coordinator of Senior Services. During that period, she was responsible for implementing the Community Home-based Initiative Program (CHIP).

Comprised of dozens of public and private organizations from throughout Northern Nevada, the Human Services Network's mission is to "support and sustain the collective action necessary to assure the provision of quality human services in the Truckee Meadows."

The awards ceremony is an opportunity to acknowledge those in the human services community who have earned the respect of their peers. Recipients are named in several categories: Mike O'Callaghan Humanitarian Award, Agency of the Year, Administrator of the Year, Staff Member of the Year, Board Member of the Year, Media Representative of the Year,

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Politician of the Year, as well as a Special Recognition Award being named.

For more information on the Human Services Network, go to <http://humanservicesnetwork.org>. For a complete biography on Mary Liveratti, go to [http://dhhs.nv.gov/bio\\_MLiveratti.htm](http://dhhs.nv.gov/bio_MLiveratti.htm).

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