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## Administrator Announced for Division of Welfare and Supportive Services

Carson City, NV – Mike Willden, Director of the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), today announced the appointment of Mike McMahon, Ph.D., as the new Administrator for the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS). McMahon begins his new position September 25, 2012.

McMahon brings to the position more than 25 years' experience in administration and management of health and human service programs. His previous employment includes Nevada Rural Hospital Partners, Washoe County Human Services, Churchill County Social Services, Washoe Medical Center, and Western Nevada Community College. He has served on many Nevada social service Boards. His most recent position was as the Vice President for Consumer Direct Management Services, LLC, in Missoula, Montana. McMahon received a Bachelor's degree from the University of Nevada, Reno.

As DWSS Administrator, McMahon is responsible for approximately 1,250 employees, and an annual budget of roughly \$250 million (the third largest within DHHS). He will oversee Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly known as the Food Stamp Program), Child Support Enforcement

Program, Child Care Assistance Program, Employment and Training Programs for TANF and SNAP recipients, Energy Assistance Program, and eligibility for Nevada's Medicaid Program.

McMahon fills the vacancy left by the retirement of Diane Comeaux who served as DWSS Administrator for the past 9 months. Steve Fisher, DWSS Deputy Administrator, Program Field Operations, is currently serving as Acting Administrator.

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