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DHHS Deputy Director Appointment Announced

Carson City, NV – Mike Willden, Director of the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is proud to announce, effective immediately, the appointment of Amber J. Joiner, as the new Deputy Director of programs for DHHS.

Joiner, previously the Director of Government Relations with the Nevada State Medical Association, brings to DHHS vast experience in health care policy review and analysis. During her six years at the Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau, Joiner provided research and policy analysis for a multitude of committees including the Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans, and Adults with Special Needs; the Committee on Health and Human Services; and the sub-committee on Services for the Treatment and Prevention of Substance Abuse.

Joiner received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Nevada with a dual major in Political Science and Speech Communication. She has a Master of Arts degree from the University of Maryland in Communication, and she is nearing completion of a PhD in Public Administration Health Policy from the University of Nevada.

“The combination of Amber’s experience in health care, higher education, and government affairs makes her an ideal new team member to help strengthen our leadership and aid in the work we do to provide programs which lead to self-sufficiency,” Mike Willden said.

Jane Gruner, previous DHHS Deputy Director and acting Administrator of the Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD), is appointed as permanent Administrator of ADSD. “Jane is a strong leader and I appreciate her service in this key position,” Willden said.

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