



# Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval

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## **SANDOVAL APPOINTS RICHARD WHITLEY DIRECTOR OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**CARSON CITY, NV** – Governor Brian Sandoval announced today that Richard Whitley has been appointed Director of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Whitley has served as Interim Director of the department since February of this year.

“Richard has proven to be a steady and capable leader and I am pleased to make this appointment official. Director Whitley brings extensive experience and knowledge to the department and will continue to maintain the momentum behind the state’s efforts to promote a healthy citizenry,” said Governor Brian Sandoval. “This announcement will ensure continuity in a system that impacts many Nevada families. I would like to thank Richard for accepting this role and look forward to continue working with him as a valuable member of my Cabinet.”

Whitley began state service as the senior psychologist for the Nevada Women’s Correctional Facility in 1986. Prior to serving as the Interim Director, Whitley served as the Administrator of the Division of Public and Behavioral Health and Division of Mental Health and Development Services. A graduate of Willamette University, he holds a Master’s degree in counseling psychology from Western Oregon University.

“I would like to thank Governor Sandoval for the opportunity to continue my service to the State and for the confidence he has placed in me to manage this critical department,” said Director Richard Whitley. “I have dedicated my professional life to public health and working with the most vulnerable in our communities and I am humbled to be able to continue this passion in this expanded role.”

As Director of Nevada’s Department of Health and Human Services, Whitley will manage a staff of over 5,500 employees and a state and federal combined budget which totals over \$4.5 billion.

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