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Oversight and Accountability Commission Executive Director Appointed

SACRAMENTO, Calif – Department of Mental Health Director Dr. Stephen Mayberg announced today the appointment of Sheri Whitt as Executive Director of the Mental Health Services Act Oversight and Accountability Commission (OAC). Whitt, who has served as interim executive director for nearly a year, was nominated by the OAC commissioners.

The commission’s primary responsibility is providing overarching oversight and accountability for the implementation of Proposition 63, the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), which was passed by voters in November 2004, and provides funding to expand community mental health services.

A licensed marriage and family therapist, Whitt has more than 25 years experience in mental health and social services ranging from non profit to county and state government. Whitt’s knowledge of community services programming coupled with her administrative and fiscal management experience make her well equipped to serve as the OAC’s executive director.

“The OAC has significant responsibilities in ensuring the proper implementation of the MHSA, and I am confident Sheri’s leadership and management skills are well suited to lead the commission to meeting its obligations,” said Mayberg. “She has demonstrated these skills throughout her service as interim executive director.

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