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Superintendent message: New Chief Medical Officer

I am pleased to announce Dr. Mark Diamond will be joining OSH as the new chief medical officer on September 1, 2009.

Dr. Diamond has practiced in the field of psychiatry since the early 1990s, is board-certified and has additional qualifications in forensic psychiatry.

He comes to Oregon from Colorado where, from 1995 to 2004 he was chief of psychiatry for the state Department of Corrections, directing clinical supervision of all psychiatric providers. He was responsible for staffing and retention of all psychiatrists and mid-level practitioners. He also was the psychiatric liaison between the Colorado Mental Health Institute of Pueblo and the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center.

In 2004, Dr. Diamond was named chief of psychiatry at the Institute of Forensic Psychiatry at the Colorado Mental Health Institute of Pueblo where he again provided direct clinical supervision of all psychiatrists and mid-level providers in addition to being chairman of the Disposition Committee.

More recently he has had a private forensic psychiatric practice based in Colorado Springs, providing evaluations of forensic clients for the courts and attorneys both public and private. He also serves as the lead psychiatrist at Sol Vista (Youth Corrections) correctional facility in Pueblo and is a faculty member and senior instructor for the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in their Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship Program. Dr. Diamond is also a nationally recognized speaker in the area of cost containment pertaining to use of psychotropic medications.

I want to thank Dr. Maria Prokhorova for her role as interim chief medical officer. She has done an outstanding job for us during a critical period of change and transition. Dr. Prokhorova and the other supervising psychiatrists will be working closely with Dr. Diamond as he makes the transition to CMO.

A September first start date is anticipated as he and his family begin planning their relocation to Oregon. Please join me in making Dr. Diamond a welcome member of OSH.

