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Department of Justice Manager Katherine Ellis has over 25 years of law enforcement and administrative experience with the California Department of Justice. In 1985, she began work in the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement (BNE) Headquarters where she has spent the majority of her career. BNE is part of the California Attorney General's Department of Justice, Division of Law Enforcement and is one of the oldest narcotic enforcement bureau's in the United States. BNE has a myriad of legislative responsibilities that include enforcing state and federal controlled substances laws. BNE is also tasked with monitoring the distribution and investigation of illegally obtained pharmaceutical drugs and narcotics.

In early 2003, Manager Ellis became responsible for managing BNE's CURES Program and subsequently the California Security Prescription Printer Program (CA SP). The Controlled Substances Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES) within the CURES Program is designed to identify and deter drug abuse and diversion through accurate and rapid tracking of California's Controlled Substances Schedules II - IV. CURES is a valuable investigative, preventative, and educational tool for law enforcement, regulatory boards, educational researchers, and the healthcare community.

Ms. Ellis was recently involved in a pilot project with other states and federal agencies to design, evaluate and implement a model for prescription drug monitoring states to share their data. The pilot was successful and new pilot phase has been initiated.

Ms. Ellis is a member of the California Narcotic Officers' Association (CNOA), the Alliance of States with Prescription Monitoring Programs where she holds the Vice President position, the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities (NASCSA) in which she holds an Executive Member position, and the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators (NADDI). She holds an Associate of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from Sacramento City College and a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from California State University Sacramento.