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Oregon Board of Nursing Appoints New Executive Director

PORTLAND—Ruby Jason, MSN, RN, NEA-BC was appointed Executive Director of the Oregon State Board of Nursing during a public Board meeting January 15, 2014.

Jason will assume her duties full-time February 10, replacing interim director Margaret Semple, JD. The agency's previous director, Holly Mercer, JD, RN, resigned November 16, 2012, to become interim director of the Oregon Health Licensing Agency.

Jason is currently the Division Director for Women and Children's Nursing at Doernbecher Children's Hospital and OHSU in Portland, Ore. Her extensive management experience includes pediatric and neonatal intensive care, pediatric acute care and oncology, emergency services, adult critical care, and outpatient services. She has facilitated several nursing leadership courses for the University of Phoenix School of Nursing, and has collaborated with diverse stakeholders.

"We are confident that Ruby is the right person to lead the Board of Nursing," says Board President Kay Carnegie, MSN, RN. "Her leadership skills and extensive nursing knowledge will serve the Board and its staff well as we move forward."

Jason's selection follows a national search with broad participation by agency staff and stakeholders. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a Master of Science degree in Nursing Administration from the University of Texas, San Antonio, Texas.

"I'm very honored to be selected and excited to begin this new chapter in my career," says Jason. "I look forward to working with the Board and its staff to meet the needs of the citizens of Oregon."

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The Oregon State Board of Nursing, established in 1911, regulates nursing practice and education in protection of the public's health, safety, and wellbeing. It oversees the licensure, certification, education, and compliance of Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses, nursing assistants, medication aides and advanced nursing practitioners in the State of Oregon. The nine-member board is appointed by the Governor and comprised of a nurse practitioner, four Registered Nurses, one Licensed Practical Nurse, one Certified Nursing Assistant, and two public members. The Board employs a staff of approximately 50.

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