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## **Richard Harris named chief of DHS Addictions and Mental Health**

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After a nationwide search, Oregon Department of Human Services Director Bruce Goldberg, M.D., has named Richard Harris the director of the Addictions and Mental Health (AMH) division, effective October 1, 2009. Harris had served as interim director since September 2008.

Among the many challenges Harris took on was keeping vital mental health and addictions services intact in a time of reduced revenues. As he looks toward the future, he is committed to providing the right services at the right time to more Oregonians so they can live safe, healthy, independent lives.

“Richard is the perfect fit for this job,” says Bruce Goldberg. “He is now taking on the enormous task of making sure Oregonians have access to substance abuse treatment and mental health care. It was clear in the search that he has the confidence and support of consumers and providers of services across the state.”

Harris brings with him more than 40 years of experience in mental health and addictions management. Most recently he served as chief executive officer of Portland-based Central City Concern (CCC), a non-profit agency that houses and serves homeless adults and families, many of whom are struggling with poverty, addictions and mental health issues.

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