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BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING APPOINTS NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SACRAMENTO - The California Board of Registered Nursing announces the appointment of Dr. Joseph Morris as its new Executive Officer effective July 11, 2016. Dr. Morris replaces Louise Bailey who is retiring July 10, 2016.

Dr. Morris comes to the board with nearly 20 years of experience. He has a diverse background in nursing, scholarship, clinical practice and administrative experience. With an impressive leadership foundation in academia, he has held several prominent roles including his previous post as Associate Dean of Nursing and Allied Health at Mt. San Jacinto College (MSJC). Prior to joining MSJC, Dr. Morris served as Director of Nursing and Allied Health Programs of Victor Valley College.

Dr. Morris has earned several professional degrees and certifications which include a Bachelors of Science in Nursing, Post-Masters of Science in Gerontology as a Nurse Practitioner and a Post-Masters Geriatric Clinical Nurse Specialist Certification all from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. Currently pursuing a post-Masters Psychiatric Mental-Health Nurse Practitioner (PMNP) degree from Azusa Pacific University, Dr. Morris obtained his PhD of Philosophy in Nursing Science with an emphasis on Alzheimer's disease and Bio-Behavior from the University of California, Los Angeles.

ABOUT BRN: The Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) is a state governmental agency established by law to protect the public by regulating the practice of registered nurses. The BRN is responsible for implementation and enforcement of the Nursing Practice Act: the laws related to nursing education, licensure, practice, and discipline. The Nursing Practice Act created a nine-member Board which serves as the BRN decision-making body. Learn more at www.rn.ca.gov.

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