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Wisconsin DSPS Leader Elected to Board of International Organization

Jennifer Garrett wins two-year term on CLEAR Board of Directors

Madison -- The Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation (CLEAR) recently announced its 2024-25 Board of Directors and Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services' Jennifer Garrett was among those elected to the Board.

“I am tremendously honored to be joining the CLEAR Board of Directors. I had not run for anything since I lost a marching band officer election in 7th grade, so running for election was outside my comfort zone,” joked Garrett, the Wisconsin DSPS Assistant Deputy Secretary. “I want to thank our Secretary, Dan Hereth, for his support, as well as my CLEAR colleagues for encouraging me to run. Also, I want to congratulate the others elected to the Board.”

Garrett was one of five elected last month to serve on the Board of Directors for the international organization, which promotes excellence and sharing of best practices for licensing and regulatory agencies.

“Jennifer’s election to the CLEAR Board is yet another sign of how Wisconsin and the Evers Administration are leading,” said DSPS Secretary Dan Hereth. “Her dedication and vision have been an asset to Wisconsin DSPS, and I’m sure they will benefit CLEAR, as well.”

The CLEAR Board of Directors is comprised of leaders in the regulatory industry from across the globe. They volunteer their time to develop policies and strategies that help CLEAR meet its goal of supporting the international regulatory community and its vital contribution to public safety.

Garrett was appointed DSPS Assistant Deputy Secretary in August 2022 and has been at DSPS since July 2019. As Assistant Deputy Secretary, she serves as the chief of staff for the Secretary and manages external affairs for the agency, including work with media, legislative, and external stakeholders. Additionally, Garrett serves as the department’s liaison with the governor's office and other state agencies.

About DSPS: DSPS issues more than 240 unique licenses, administers dozens of boards and councils that regulate professions, enforces state building codes, and maintains the Wisconsin Enhanced Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, which is a key tool in the multi-faceted public health campaign to stem excessive opioid prescribing. A fee-based agency, DSPS is self-

sustaining and receives no general fund tax dollars for its day-to-day operations. With 250 employees throughout Wisconsin, DSPS collaborates with constituents and stakeholders across a wide range of industries to promote safety and advance the economy.