

Governor's Child Welfare Oversight Board



Pat Allen

Pat Allen is Director of the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), which is working to fundamentally improve how health care is delivered and paid for, tackling issues that include costs, quality, prevention and health care access. The Oregon Health Authority includes most of the state's health care programs, including Public Health and the Oregon Health Plan, the state's innovative Medicaid program. Pat, a native Oregonian, has 25 years in public service, most recently as the director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services for six years, where he oversaw the regulation of the commercial insurance market, worker safety and health, the financial services industry, building codes and other services. Pat's guiding principles and his charge from Governor Brown are to promote

transparency, the wise use of public dollars, and integrity throughout OHA's many programs.



Matthew L. Garrett

Matthew L. Garrett became the Director of the Oregon Department of Transportation in December 2005. Currently, he manages an agency of about 4,700 people and a biennial budget of \$4.05 billion. Prior to his work at ODOT, Matthew worked on the personal staff of U.S. Senator Mark O. Hatfield from 1994 to 1997. Matthew serves on the Board of Directors of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and is the Chairman of the AASHTO Committee on Environment and Sustainability. Matthew is a graduate of The George Washington University with a degree in political science.



Ajit Jetmalani, M.D.

Ajit Jetmalani, M.D. is the Joseph Professor of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Head of the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Oregon Health & Science University. He completed Medical School at OHSU, Psychiatry training at the University of California San Francisco and Child Psychiatry Fellowship at the Yale Child Study Center. He has worked in Oregon with children, youth, adults and their families at all levels of care for the past 32 years utilizing a trauma informed and strengths based lens. He is a consultant to the Oregon Health Authority and DHS and has served on numerous child related committees including the Children’s System Advisory Committee, Juvenile Justice Mental Health Task Force, Youth with Specialized

Needs Committee and the DHS Unified Child and Youth Safety Implementation Plan Steering Committee.



Sarah L. Kastelic, PhD, MSW

Dr. Sarah Kastelic (Alutiiq), an enrolled member of the Native Village of Ouzinkie, became the executive director of the National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) in January 2015. Prior to joining NICWA in 2011, Sarah led the National Congress of American Indians’ (NCAI) welfare reform program and, in 2003, was the founding director of NCAI’s Policy Research Center. She earned a master’s degree and PhD from the George Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University in St. Louis, where she serves as adjunct faculty.



Joe McFerrin II

Joe McFerrin II serves as President and CEO for Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center and Rosemary Anderson High School (POIC + RAHS). He has been with the organization since 1995 and in his current role since 2003. He holds a B.S. in Political Science and a Master's in Public Administration from Portland State University. In the last several years, Mr. McFerrin has led the efforts to effect tremendous growth in the organization, including the addition of three new RAHS campuses in North and South East Portland and a middle school.

As a leader for alternative education throughout Oregon, Mr. McFerrin has served on the AdvancED State Accreditation Commission since 2011. His commitment to reaching underserved youth is demonstrated by his involvement with Oregon Department of Education's African American/Black Student Success Plan, Black Male Achievement Portland, and Judge Nan Waller's Juvenile Justice Task Force. Locally, Mr. McFerrin currently serves on Portland Mayor Wheeler's Council of Economic Advisors and participated in the Portland Parks Budget Advisory Committee 2017/2018. His leadership in the workforce development arena is exemplified through his current board membership for Worksystems Inc., board member of the Opportunities Industrialization Centers of America (OICA), and the chair of the Executive Directors Association for OICA.



David Sanders, Ph.D.

Dr. David Sanders joined Casey Family Programs in July 2006. He provides strategic direction over the foundation's work with child welfare systems to improve practice, with an emphasis on safely reducing the number of children in foster care. Dr. Sanders has spent his entire career in the human services field.

Prior to joining Casey Family Programs, he directed all operations for the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services, the largest county system in the country, with about 6,000 staff serving approximately 22,000 children in foster care. During his tenure, the department saw its foster care population decrease as safety

and stability measures improved.

He previously served 10 years as director of the Hennepin County (Minn.) Children, Family and Adult Services Department, managing a staff of 1,450. As director, he was responsible for all state and federally mandated social services to children, families and adults in the county. Early in his career, Dr. Sanders worked in Minneapolis, first as a senior clinical psychologist in the Hennepin County Mental Health Center, and later as chief clinical psychologist.

Dr. Sanders graduated with honors from Princeton University with a bachelor's degree in psychology and received his Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Minnesota. Public service, honors and professional affiliations

In 2013, Dr. Sanders was appointed by President Obama to a key administrative post as chair of the Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities. The same year Dr. Sanders also was selected to chair the Los Angeles Blue Ribbon Commission.

Dr. Sanders is the recipient of the 2008 Grace B. Flandreau Award from the National Council on Crime and Delinquency, recognizing his significant contributions to juvenile justice and child welfare. The National Association of Public Child Welfare Administrations honored Dr. Sanders in 2007 with the Peter W. Forsythe Award for Leadership in Public Child Welfare.

He joined the Philadelphia Child Welfare Review Panel in 2006, and eventually became chair. Dr. Sanders also was vice president of the National Association of Public Child Welfare Administrators in 2005. In 2003, he received the Congressional Angels in Adoption Award, and in 2005 he received the Princeton Club of Southern California's Service to the Community Award.



Rosanne Scott

Rosanne Scott is a Department of Human Services (DHS) caseworker in Portland who began working for Child Welfare in 2001. She specializes in helping young children in the foster care system achieve permanency, as well as mentoring and training other caseworkers. She often speaks to legislators and the media regarding issues and needs within the Child Welfare system. Rosanne also regularly works with the labor union that represents state employees, SEIU 503, toward achieving improvements in staffing and resources for DHS. She has worked in the mental health field and with vulnerable populations of children since 1998. Rosanne is a graduate of Lewis & Clark College and holds a degree in psychology.



Leslie Sutton

Leslie Sutton believes that Oregon is strongest when all people have opportunities to succeed. At the Council, Leslie works to ensure that Oregon's policies and practices ensure that all people to live full lives in their communities. Leslie is the Policy Director for the Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities where she analyzes and responds to public policy or program changes and initiatives that impact Oregonians with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Prior to joining the Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities, Leslie worked for Disability Rights Oregon where she handled Medicaid, Social Security and disability matters. Before returning to Oregon in 2010, Leslie worked for the Northwest Justice Project, one of Washington State's legal services providers, where she represented clients in Medicaid and other disability law cases.



Judge Nan Waller

Judge Waller was appointed to the Multnomah County Circuit Court in 2001 by Governor Kitzhaber. She served as the Chief Family Law Judge for 5 years and as Presiding Judge for 6 years. She currently is the Mental Health Court Judge and manages the Aid and Assist docket for the court.

Judge Waller is a member of the Judicial Leadership Education Committee and the Oregon Supreme Court Council on Inclusion and Fairness. Judge Waller chairs a subcommittee of the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Disparities as well as the Mental Health and Public Safety subcommittee. She serves on the Behavioral Health Justice Reinvestment Steering Committee and the Governor's Children's Cabinet. Judge Waller also serves on the boards of The Children's Institute and Lines for Life.

Judge Waller has received many awards including the Mental Health Award for Excellence; the Crime Citizens Commission Distinguished Service Award, the Oregon State Bar Public Service Award, the Oregon National Alliance on Mental Illness Gordon and Sharon Smith New Freedom Award, the Oregon State Bar's Wallace P. Carson Award for Judicial Excellence, and the Frohnmayer Award for Public Service from the University of Oregon. She was named National CASA Judge of the Year and the Classroom Law Project's Legal Citizen of the Year and was a Toll Fellow.

Judge Waller received her BA from Stanford University and graduated from the University of Oregon School of Law.