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**Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission  
Announces New Executive Director**

**Sacramento**—Chair Richard Van Horn and Vice-Chair Dr. David Pating are pleased to announce the appointment of Andrea A. Jackson as Executive Director for the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission.

Ms. Jackson is currently a Principal Consultant for the State Senate Majority Caucus. She previously served as Chief of Staff to Pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg when he was in the Assembly.

The MHSOAC is responsible for the oversight and accountability of Proposition 63, the Mental Health Services Act, which oversees mental health services in California. The 16-member MHSOAC was created when voters approved Proposition 63 in 2004.

“Andrea Jackson is well qualified to assume the duties of Executive Director of the MHSOAC. She brings a wealth of high level experience to the Commission and we are very fortunate to have her join us,” Chair Van Horn said in welcoming her to the Commission.

Vice-Chair Pating agreed, stating “Andrea Jackson has the knowledge, skills, and abilities to lead the Commission staff to better serve mental health clients, families, and stakeholders.”

Ms. Jackson replaces Sherri Gauger, who is retiring December 31, 2013 after 33 years of state service. Ms. Jackson begins her new position January 2014.

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