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HHSA'S DAVID NELSON APPOINTED TO CALIFORNIA'S PRIVACY AND SECURITY ADVISORY BOARD ***Board to Set Privacy and Security Standards for State's Health Records***

The County of San Diego HHSA (Health and Human Services Agency) is proud to announce that David Nelson, the County's Privacy Officer, has been appointed to serve in the California Privacy and Security Advisory Board (CalPSAB).

His extensive experience in privacy and information security made Nelson, a member of HHSA's Compliance Office, the ideal selection to serve on such a prestigious board.

"One key component of Governor Schwarzenegger's health care reform proposal is the improvement of California's health care system, through the adoption of electronic health information exchange," said Kimberly Belshé, Secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency, in a letter appointing Nelson to the 2-year post. "I welcome you to this worthwhile effort as I know your time and expertise will be valuable to this process."

The CalPSAB, composed of members from the public and private sector, will identify and recommend privacy and security standards for the safe and effective exchange of health information.

"I am really flattered by this appointment," said Nelson, a member of the International Systems Security Association—San Diego Chapter—and the International Association of Privacy Professionals.

Nelson earned certificates as a Certified Information Systems Security Professional and Certified Information Privacy Professional/Government. Both certificates are international, incorporating broader standards and legislative effects to privacy and security. He has also chaired numerous statewide workgroups dealing with the safe and confidential exchange of health records.

Nelson was nominated to the CalPSAB by the California State Association of Counties and will represent all 58 counties in the state.

"This is a wonderful opportunity that will allow me to use all my skills and expertise," concluded Nelson.

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