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ADHS Director Announces Leadership Changes & Investigation

Arizona Department of Health Services Director Cara Christ, M.D. today announced changes in leadership. Colby Bower will be the Assistant Director of Licensing, a position previously held by Dr. Christ. Bower has been with the Department since December, 2010 serving as Legislative Liaison. During this time, he also served as the interim Assistant Director of Licensing in 2012.

Dr. Aaron Bowen will be the Interim Chief Executive Officer at the Arizona State Hospital. Bowen is a licensed clinical psychologist and has been with the Department since February, 2014 serving as an Assistant Director of Behavioral Health Services. Previously he worked at Magellan Health Services of Arizona which was the Regional Behavioral Health Authority for Central Arizona at the time.

Dr. Christ initiated an investigation at the Arizona State Hospital based on concerns about patient safety. During the investigation some staff are on paid administrative leave. The Department plans to retain an outside entity to lead the investigation.

Governor Doug Ducey appointed Dr. Christ as Director of Health Services [this week](#).

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