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To Whom It May Concern:

I am very interested in serving as an active member of the Advisory Committee on the State Program for Oral Health (AC4OH). During my almost forty-year career, I have worked in various public health positions, including having statewide responsibilities in Massachusetts working for the state's Department of Public Health as the Director of Oral Health and serving as Chair of the American Public Health Association's (APHA) Executive Board.

Currently, I am a full-time Teaching Assistant Professor in the School of Public Health, University of Nevada, Reno (UNR). In addition to UNR, I have been involved in higher education as a faculty member at the University of Bridgeport (CT), the former Mount Ida College (MA), and Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (MA).

My past oral health experience includes statewide assessments of the oral health status of various special populations, the attitudes and beliefs of dental health by licensed nurses, and the capacity of the dental workforce. My scholarship achievements include being published in *Dental Clinics of North America*, and Nutrition for the Older Adult (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> editions), in addition to many invited presentations at state and national conferences. I have been directly involved with changing state laws and regulations to improve access to health services for the unserved and underserved through workforce development in Massachusetts as well as the legislative attempts to implement water fluoridation in Washoe County. I am also well versed in the establishment and sustainability of school-based oral health prevention programs. I have worked as a consultant to establish Oral Health Nevada, a 501(c)3 organization, whose mission is to improve the oral health of all Nevadans. I have also worked with the State of California to assist in the development of county-focused oral health plans and I serve as a grant reviewer for the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). I am also versed in the oral health challenges experienced in other countries through my appointment to the Oral Health Working Group of the World Federation of Public Health Associations located in Geneva, Switzerland.

I believe my oral health experience and leadership at many levels of the spectrum will not only support but enhance my abilities to serve Nevada's Oral Health Program. I am also very excited to work with other leaders in the state to address the oral health challenges experienced by my fellow residents and improve the oral health and general health of all Nevadans.

Sincerely,



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