

Dept. of Safety and Professional Services: Secretary-designee Crim announces board appointments

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MADISON, Wis. – **Department of Safety and Professional Services Secretary-designee Dawn Crim** announced three recent gubernatorial appointments to boards and councils affiliated with the agency.

On September 14, 2020, **Gov. Tony Evers** named **Dawn McIntosh**, of Madison, to the **Uniform Dwelling Code Council**. The president and CEO of CLE Consulting, McIntosh will serve as a building contractor representative to the 11-member council. Her two-year term expires on July 1, 2022. She succeeds **Mary Schroeder**, who served on the council from March 28, 2013-September 14, 2020.

Gov. Evers also named **Marissa Janke** to the **Nursing Home Administrator Examining Board**. Janke, from Mindoro, Wis., is the administrator at the Onalaska Care Center. Janke will serve a four-year term that ends on July 1, 2024. She replaces Kate Bertram, who was appointed to the board in April 2015.

On September 23, 2020, Gov. Evers named a second new member to the **Nursing Home Administrator Examining Board**. **David L. Larson** of DePere, Wis. is the continuum of care director at the Oneida Community Health Center. He will complete the term for the seat vacated by **Bryan Bee**, who left the board in May of this year.

“We are pleased to welcome these new members,” Secretary-designee Crim said. “These are important leadership positions for these industries and for the public, and all of Wisconsin will benefit from their expertise and insight.”

Crim explains that boards, councils, and committees are key decisionmakers and take action to keep occupations current with evolving science and trends, to discipline professionals when appropriate, and to otherwise ensure safe practice for public protection. Many also establish entry and practice standards for their fields.

“These are real opportunities to make an impact and make a difference,” Crim said.

Gov. Evers appoints individuals to hundreds of boards, councils, and committees, including dozens at DSPS. Many have seats for public as well as professional members, so there is involvement opportunity beyond those who work in fields regulated by the agency. Gov. Evers welcomes applications from all interested individuals, especially those whose voices and perspectives may not be currently represented.

“These boards, councils, and committees tackle critical issues and make important decisions,” Gov. Evers said. “They represent all of Wisconsin and should reflect all of Wisconsin, so we want to include folks from all parts of the state and from all ages, backgrounds, ethnicities, religions, cultures, and genders.”

Janke says she is honored to serve on the Nursing Home Administrator Examining Board, noting that she recognizes that its decisions ultimately influence the kind of care long-term care residents receive. “I’m very grateful to have this opportunity and I’m excited to have a positive impact on the board and also to learn,” Janke said. “I’ve been an administrator for a few years now and there’s always opportunity for growth, both personally and professionally.”

The Department of Safety and Professional Services issues more than 240 unique licenses, administers dozens of boards and councils that regulate professions, enforces state building codes, runs the state fire prevention program, and maintains the award-winning Wisconsin Enhanced Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, which is a key tool in the multi-faceted public health campaign to stem excessive opioid prescribing. A fee-based agency, the Department of Safety and Professional Services is self-sustaining and receives no general fund tax dollars for its day-to-day operations. With five offices and 250 employees throughout Wisconsin, DSPS collaborates with constituents and stakeholders across a wide range of industries to promote safety and advance the economy.