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Employment Security Division Welcomes New Deputy Administrators

CARSON CITY, NV – The Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation is proud to welcome John Parel and Patricia Allander as the new Employment Security Division Deputy Administrators.

John Parel will serve as the ESD Deputy Administrator for Workforce. In this role, Parel will plan, organize, coordinate, and oversee the management of the state’s workforce and training programs to ensure the timely, accurate, consistent, and effective delivery of services to clients through local offices, regional centers and through collaboration with other state agencies and external workforce system partners and stakeholders.

Parel has been with DETR since 2006 and has been on an upward trajectory that began in the Reno JobConnect through a variety of supervisory and manager roles that ultimately led him to the northern Nevada Business Solutions Manager position at the EmployNV Business Hub. Prior to DETR, John served Inyo County Health and Human Services in their Employment and Training Program and was a Regional Director for PCA International/Kmart Corporation.

John brings a plethora of workforce, training, and business services experience to this position as the agency advances the state’s workforce system landscape.

Patricia Allander will serve as the ESD Deputy Administrator for Unemployment Insurance. In her new role, she oversees the strategic management and implementation of the state's Unemployment Insurance programs, ensuring adherence to federal and state regulations and organizational goals.

Allander worked in Unemployment Insurance at DETR from 2009-2022, most recently as the Program Chief of Unemployment Insurance Support Services (UISS). In 2022, she left DETR to work for the U.S. Department of Labor as a Federal Project Officer and UI Program Specialist where she monitored federal grants and provided technical assistance to state workforce agencies, ensuring effective UI program administration and compliance. Allander is coming back to DETR with a breadth of UI knowledge and experience from both the state and federal levels.

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The Department of Employment, Training & Rehabilitation (DETR) is the state's lead workforce development agency. It consists of divisions that offer workforce related services, job placement and training, services for people with disabilities, investigation of claims of discrimination, unemployment insurance benefits, labor market data and more. Many of these services are provided through EmployNV Career and Business Hubs and in cooperation with its community partners.