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**Department of Health Professions Names New Executive Director to
the Board of Pharmacy**

One of the Most Visible Health Professions Receives New Regulatory Staff Leadership

VIRGINIA— The Department of Health Professions (DHP), this month, named Caroline Juran executive director of the 125 year old Virginia Board of Pharmacy (BOP). DHP is the umbrella agency for Virginia’s 13 health regulatory boards and the Board of Health Professions. The ten member BOP is composed of eight pharmacists and two citizen members from diverse geographic locations in the Commonwealth.

The Virginia BOP regulates the practice of pharmacy and the manufacturing, dispensing, selling, distributing, processing, compounding, or disposal of drugs and devices. It licenses or registers 23,073 individuals including: pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, pharmacy interns, and dispensing physicians; 3,900 facilities such as pharmacies, wholesale distributors; and, 79 pharmacy technician training programs.

Dianne L. Reynolds-Cane, M.D., Director of the Department of Health Professions (DHP) states that, “The BOP has a unique opportunity to educate the next generation of pharmacists and improve patient safety through the inspection process. The people of Virginia will be well served by Ms. Juran’s expertise as a licensed pharmacist as well as her understanding of the state and federal laws that regulate the profession.”

Ms. Juran has been acting executive director of the Board of Pharmacy since the August 2010 retirement of Elizabeth Scott (Scotti) Russell. Caroline Juran joined the BOP in 2005 as deputy executive director. A graduate of the School of Pharmacy at MCV/VCU, following studies at the College of William and Mary, Ms. Juran worked in both community and long term care pharmacies, where she held certification as a Geriatric Pharmacist and served as a preceptor for the School of Pharmacy at VCU.

DHP’s mission is to ensure safe and competent patient care by licensing health professionals, enforcing standards of practice, and providing information to health care practitioners and the public. Visit <http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Pharmacy/> to learn more about the Virginia Board of Pharmacy.

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