

## For Immediate Release From Lines for Life

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### Dwight Holton named CEO of Lines for Life

*Well known community leader to take the reins of 20 year old nonprofit as Judy Cushing retires*

(Portland, Ore. - January 28, 2014) Lines for Life, a nonprofit that works to prevent substance abuse and suicide, has named Dwight Holton as its new Chief Executive Officer.

Holton will assume the primary leadership role at Lines for Life when co-founder Judy Cushing retires February 10, 2014 after leading the organization for over 20 years.

"Dwight Holton is a superb candidate to lead Lines for Life as it moves into its third decade of service to Oregonians" said outgoing CEO Judy Cushing. "Dwight is passionate about the work we do and has been a strong supporter of Oregon Partnership /Lines for Life for many years."

Holton was United States Attorney for Oregon, where he managed the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) offices throughout Oregon. Holton led DOJ efforts to work with the health care industry and others to address the epidemic of prescription drug abuse. He held a summit with the Governor, Lines for Life, the DEA and other regional and national leaders to reduce abuse. This effort served as a model for U.S. Attorneys throughout the nation. Most recently Holton was counsel to the firm at Lane Powell, P.C.

"For fifteen years as a prosecutor, by the time I got there something bad had already happened" said Holton. "At Lines for Life, we flip that to prevent addiction and help people in mental health crisis find a way forward."

"Dwight is really the perfect conclusion to our search for the next CEO of Lines for Life" said Dan McMillan, Lines for Life board president. "His commitment to prevention, compassion for people struggling with substance abuse and suicide, solid connections with decision makers and personal integrity made Dwight the top candidate."

Dwight and his wife, Mary Ellen Glynn, live in Portland with their two children, Terence and Fiona.

**About Lines for Life:** Founded in 1993, Lines for Life is a 501-3c nonprofit organization whose mission is to end substance abuse and suicide. Lines for Life is the region's leading nonprofit organization that promotes healthy communities through drug and alcohol prevention and 24-hour crisis lines for crisis counseling and suicide intervention.

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