

CATHERINE WOODARD

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Presenting:

“The Role of State Boards of Nursing in Drug Diversion Cases”

Catherine Woodard came to the Department of Health, Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission, in 2008 after a length-of-service career in law enforcement. There she served in every division of the department and promoted through every rank, retiring after holding the position of Acting Chief of Police. She holds a baccalaureate degree in Society and Justice from the University of Washington, and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and Northwest Command College.

Catherine’s law enforcement career prepared her well for her second career in public service, beginning as a health care investigator, chief investigator, and currently associate director, discipline. Within discipline, she is responsible for directing the work of case management, investigations, legal services, and the substance use disorder alternative-to-discipline monitoring program. Catherine has been very involved in seeking legislation that would change the laws in Washington to require FBI fingerprint-based criminal background checks on all health care licensees and participation in the Rap Back program.

Catherine enjoys a dynamic life away from work as a full-time Grammie to her four-year-old grandson, and as a general aviation pilot.