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Anchorage Pioneer Home hires new administrator

Successful candidate has nearly 20 years assisted living experience

(Anchorage, AK) — The Division of Alaska Pioneer Homes hired Richard Saville as the administrator of the Anchorage Pioneer Home. Saville has 18 years experience in the assisted living field. His work history includes working as a direct care provider, as an assisted living home manager, and most recently as a state regulator. He starts his new position with the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services today.

“Mr. Saville is extremely well qualified to support our staff in providing excellent care for our residents,” Division Director Dave Cote said. “As the licensing specialist for all six Pioneer Homes for the last three years, he is also familiar with both the state regulations the home must follow and, equally importantly, the nurturing philosophy to which we subscribe as a registered Eden Alternative home.”

The Anchorage home has rooms for 168 elders and provides three levels of assisted living care. The highest level of care accommodates Alaskans with medically complex needs and with Alzheimer’s disease or related dementia.

Residents include a range of Alaska pioneers, from homesteaders and miners to bush pilots and teachers, who were around when Anchorage grew from a tent city to the center of commerce and culture it is today.

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