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### **Wisconsin DOC Secretary Announces Division of Juvenile Corrections Administrator Appointment**

Madison, Wis—Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) Secretary Gary Hamblin Thursday announced the appointment of Cari Taylor to the position of Administrator of the Department's Division of Juvenile Corrections (DJC).

The Division is responsible for youth placed in a state juvenile institution by the courts or under state supervision in the community.

Taylor is currently the Assistant Administrator of the Division of Community Corrections which supervises over 67,000 adult offenders on probation, parole or extended community supervision. Taylor joined the Department of Corrections in 1996 in the Division of Juvenile Corrections. Since then, she has served in various roles in each of the Department's four Divisions.

"Cari's long and varied background and expertise in corrections gives her the right set of skills to begin a new chapter in Juvenile Corrections and move the Division forward," said Secretary Hamblin.

Current DJC Administrator Margaret Carpenter has served the Department in that role for three years. During her tenure, Carpenter oversaw the successful consolidation of the Department's juvenile institutions. The closure of two juvenile institutions and consolidation of boys and girls secure institutions on the grounds of Lincoln Hills School in Lincoln County was completed on time, saving the Department and taxpayers millions of dollars in operating costs and ending the growth of a structural deficit that had built up over a number of years due to falling juvenile institutional populations.

"Margaret's execution of our plan to close two facilities and merge juvenile operations at our school site in northern Wisconsin was flawless," said Secretary Hamblin. "She demonstrated exceptional abilities overseeing that consolidation and helped stabilize and strengthen our juvenile institutional operations. We thank her for her service to the Department and Division of Juvenile Corrections."

Taylor begins her duties as DJC Administrator Monday, February 27.

