ADMINISTRATOR’S MEMO TO COUNTIES

MEMO # 19-02

DATE: April 26, 2019

TO: County Departments of Human/Social Services Directors

FROM: John D. Paquin, Administrator
Shelby A.B. McCulley, Assistant Administrator

SUBJECT: Changes in DJC Leadership

This memo serves as notice of an administrative change to the leadership in the Division of juvenile Corrections. While it has been my distinct honor to work alongside you and other stakeholders in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems, I have decided to retire effective April 30, 2019. After serving the Department of Corrections in various capacities for nearly 30 years I was named Administrator of Juvenile Corrections where I have spent the past 3 years. Over that time I have developed a great respect for the countless professionals with whom I have had the opportunity to develop relationships as we rose to challenges and devoted our time and efforts to improving the lives of the youth in our care.

I am also pleased to announce that current Assistant Administrator Shelby McCulley has been named Acting Administrator of the division. Shelby has been the Assistant Administrator for the Division since April 2015. She was previously the Director of the Office of Management and Budget in the Division of Juvenile Corrections, overseeing budget, fiscal, facilities, human resources, policy, data, and information technology. She began her career with the Department of Corrections in 2010 as the Program and Policy Chief, and in recent years has been a key contributor on youth justice reform issues for the Department. Shelby will serve as the Acting Administrator until a permanent replacement is named.

As Wisconsin’s juvenile justice system continues to evolve, I reflect on the progress we have made together through hard work, the sharing of ideas, and the formation of important partnerships. These will continue to contribute to the long-term sustainability of the positive changes we are all pursuing. While much work remains, I am proud of the work DJC has undertaken and the role we have played providing programming and services to youth which will continue into the future as well. I have a great deal of respect for the challenges ahead but even more faith in the dedicated folks who will rise to meet them. I know that when we put the youth first, as the vast majority of us do every day, the future is bright for our juvenile justice and child welfare system as a whole. I have been humbled by and grateful for the opportunity to work alongside you and wish you all the best in the years to come.