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DOC Announces New Leadership Appointments

(Madison, Wis.) – Wisconsin Department of Corrections Secretary Kevin Carr announced multiple appointments to his leadership team on Monday. The moves follow the recent appointments of DOC Deputy Secretary [Amy Pechacek to Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development](#) and DOC Division of Adult Institutions Administrator [Makda Fessahaye to Director of Employee Relations for the City of Milwaukee](#).

The following DOC appointments are effective January 24.

Deputy Secretary – Jared Hoy

Jared will transition to his role as Deputy Secretary from his current position as the Assistant Deputy Secretary. Jared brings more than 20 years of experience in criminal justice and corrections to the position, which will be beneficial as he leads the various divisions throughout DOC.

In his current position, Jared oversees and assists the various departments within the Office of the Secretary, while simultaneously advising the Secretary on corrections policy and evidence-based initiatives prioritized by the Governor's Office. Prior to his appointment as Assistant Deputy Secretary, he served as both Administrator and Assistant Administrator in Division of Management Services (DMS), supporting the agency's policies, programs and service delivery initiatives. Jared has also worked as the Director of the Corrections Training Center and as a Policy Initiatives Advisor in the Reentry Unit. Jared spent four years in the Division of Community Corrections as a Corrections Field Supervisor and Program & Policy Chief, and eight years working in corrections in Minnesota both as a practitioner and a Research Analyst for Arrowhead Regional Corrections.

Jared holds a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and a Master's Degree in Counseling and Therapy. He has lectured on correctional best practices in several graduate programs, including at UW-Madison, Superior and Platteville. Jared was presented with the 2006 Individual Excellence Award in MN DOC and is a Secretary's SALUTE Award winner for his leadership with COMPAS.

Assistant Deputy Secretary – Melissa Roberts

Melissa will be transitioning to the position of Assistant Deputy Secretary. Melissa is well-known and respected throughout our agency, due to a track record of success throughout her distinguished career in WIDOC. Melissa most recently served as the Administrator to DMS, overseeing the Department's budget, information technology, records, fiscal, procurement, contracts and risk management bureaus. Prior to her current role, Melissa served as Assistant Administrator in DMS.

Melissa's vast experience across many jurisdictions in criminal justice uniquely prepares her for her new role. Melissa started her career with DOC in the Division of Community Corrections as a Probation and Parole Agent, and then as a Field Supervisor. She continued her work in DCC, later promoting to the Director of Sex Offender Programs. In 2010, she joined the executive ranks in the Secretary's Office, serving as both Executive Assistant and Legislative Liaison. In 2015, Melissa broadened her experience in Corrections by accepting the Director of Parole position in Colorado DOC. Melissa returned to WIDOC in 2018, working as the Assistant Administrator in DAI and Director of the Office of Detention Facilities.

Melissa holds a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and Psychology, and was recognized with UW Platteville's Achievement in Criminal Justice Award in 2013. She has served on a variety of state and national councils in the field of corrections.

Division of Adult Institutions Administrator – Sarah Cooper

Sarah Cooper will be joining our Executive Leadership Team as the Administrator for the Division of Adult Institutions (DAI), transitioning from her current role as Warden of Oshkosh Correctional Institution.

Sarah has gained extensive experience serving in multiple positions at DOC, including Deputy Warden, Corrections Program Supervisor, Corrections Unit Supervisor, Client Rights Facilitator and Correctional Officer. She has worked at several institutions, including Green Bay, Waupun, Redgranite, Oshkosh, the Wisconsin Women's Correctional System and the Department of Health Services' Wisconsin Resource Center.

Sarah has served in a number of leadership roles throughout our agency, and led a number of initiatives within DAI. She has also participated in a number of committees and workgroups, including the DAI Trauma Informed Care Committee, DAI Restricted Housing Committee and the Unified Corrections Coalition.

Division of Management Services Administrator – Doug Percy

Doug Percy will be transitioning to the position of Administrator for the Division of Management Services (DMS) from his current role as Assistant Administrator in the Division of Adult Institutions (DAI). Doug's extensive experience and expertise will bring invaluable skills to the role.

Doug has nearly 27 years of experience working in state service, including roles as Executive Policy and Budget Analyst at the State Budget Office, Budget and Policy Supervisor for DOC, Probation and Parole

Agent, Correctional Management Services Director, Security Director, Financial Manager for the Division of Adult Institutions, Director of the Bureau of Correctional Enterprises, Assistant Administrator for the Division of Management Services and Warden.

Doug has an undergraduate degree from UW-Oshkosh in Political Science and a graduate degree from UW-Madison in Public Policy and Administration.

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