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TO: All Interested Parties

**FROM: CCDTF Team
Alcohol & Drug Abuse Division (ADAD), MN Dept. of Human Services**

RE: New DHS Mental Health Director Announced

Purpose

The purpose of this e-Memo is to inform you that Alice C. Nichols, LSCSW, LCAC, will be joining the Department of Human Services as the director of the Adult and Children’s Mental Health Divisions effective Sept 14, 2015.

Of Concern To

- All Interested Parties

Action Required

Information only

Alice C. Nichols, LSCSW, LCAC, will be joining the Department of Human Services as the director of the Adult and Children’s Mental Health Divisions effective Sept 14, 2015.

Nichols hails from Kansas, where she was director of Community Support Services at the Community Mental Health Center of Crawford County since 2008. She comes with substantial leadership experience in local government as well as a leader in statewide associations, where she is praised for her ability to drive evidenced based practice, work collaboratively across service sectors and produce positive outcomes for residents.

Nichols is results driven and has experience across the continuum of mental health, chemical health and crisis care. She has led efforts to ensure community supports exist beyond direct therapeutic interventions, such as supported employment. She is a leader in recovery-oriented, strengths-based care as well as an advocate for staff development and team building, and has extensive knowledge of national recovery models and trends in healthcare integration efforts.

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