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Governor Quinn Names Bobbie Gregg Director of DCFS

CHICAGO – Governor Pat Quinn today appointed Bobbie M. Gregg to continue to lead the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). Gregg, who has been interim director of the state child welfare agency since February, will now become Acting Director. A social worker with a law degree from Northwestern University and a Masters in Social Work from Loyola University, Gregg brings more than three decades of administrative and legal experience to the post.

"After considering several candidates, I determined that Bobbie Gregg is the right person to lead this agency at this important time," Governor Quinn said. "Bobbie Gregg is a problem-solver who brings a fresh perspective to DCFS. Her extensive legal and administrative experience- in addition to her passion for protecting our most vulnerable children- will strengthen DCFS at this critical juncture."

Prior to being named interim director two months ago, Gregg served as Deputy Chief for the Bureau of Operations for DCFS. Gregg has previously served as an Assistant Director in the DuPage County Health Department, as a social worker for a local human service agency and as an Assistant United States Attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice.

At DCFS, Gregg oversaw a wide array of agency operations, including resource development and management of agencies providing foster care, shelter care and congregate care. She also managed transition services for older adolescents, education services and programs for children and youth, and support services for relative caregivers.

"I have been impressed with Bobbie Gregg's diligent and organized approach to work and her sincere commitment to fulfilling the agency's mission towards safety, well-being and permanency for Illinois' most vulnerable children," State Senator Mattie Hunter (D-Chicago) said. "Bobbie Gregg has the skills and experience that this agency needs and that taxpayers demand in this position."

"Our youngest, most vulnerable residents need a strong and zealous advocate who will fight for their best interests," State Representative Greg Harris (D-Chicago) said. "Bobbie Gregg's private sector experience brings an appreciation for the services our community partners provide. Her legal expertise in investigations and compliance makes her an excellent choice to lead DCFS."

"We applaud Governor Quinn's efforts to find a new leader for the Department of Children and Family Services who can bring both a fresh perspective and a demonstrated commitment to the critical work of keeping children safe and families strong," said David Sanders, Executive Vice President for Systems Improvement at Casey Family Programs, the nation's largest operating foundation focused on safely reducing the need for foster care. "We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with the governor's office and DCFS to support efforts to improve the safety and success of Illinois' children and families."

Gregg's appointment requires state Senate confirmation.

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