

STATE OF WISCONSIN
 Department of Health and Family Services
 Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

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From: John T. Easterday
 Administrator

Subject: **Deputy Administrator for Division of Mental Health and Substance
 Abuse Services named**

I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Linda Harris as Deputy Administrator for Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (DMHSAS). Linda brings to this appointment a career dedicated to the people in the state with mental illness and substance abuse issues.

Linda holds a Master's Degree in Social Work from UW-Madison and is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. She held numerous positions at Mendota Mental Health Institute including Unit Chief of the Community Preparation Service; Director of Admissions/ Medical Records and Medical Support areas.

Since 1993 Linda has held the position of Director of Community Forensic Services in the division central office. In that position she worked to develop the statewide Conditional Release Program and the statewide Outpatient Competency Evaluation Program. She has worked with the Mental Health Institutes to develop a coordinated forensic system, and also with the Department of Corrections developing a cooperative agreement for supervision of both Conditional Release Clients and Supervised Release clients.

Linda has a great deal of experience working with the biennial budget, program development, quality improvement and quality assurance as well as procurement and contracting. She is familiar with the legislative process and has worked on revisions in both the forensic and civil commitment statutes.

Linda will bring a new perspective and energy to our Division, as well as her experience and dedication for the people of Wisconsin.

Please join me in welcoming Linda to this position.

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