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PATRICK/MURRAY ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES AGENCY HEAD APPOINTMENTS**DSS,DMR,DCR Commissioners named**

BOSTON- Wednesday, May 23, 2007 - Governor Deval Patrick and Lieutenant Governor Tim Murray today announced a series of high level appointments to their leadership team. The 11 appointments include new commissioners of the Department of Social Services, Department of Mental Retardation, and the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

"Today, I welcome several new members to the Patrick/Murray team. Each new member is highly qualified for their position and shares this administration's vision for governing," said Governor Patrick. "The new team will help me deliver on the promise of a brighter future for the Commonwealth, and I look forward to working with each member in their new position. I also want to thank the outgoing officials for their leadership and professionalism. The Commonwealth is fortunate to have had their service."

Appointments announced today include:

Executive Office of Health and Human Services

Angelo McLain, Commissioner of the Department of Social Services

For the past five years, Anthony "Angelo" McClain served as Executive Director of ValueOptions New Jersey, the Contract Systems Administrator that provides the centralized administrative infrastructure for the state's \$424 million behavioral health delivery system. In this role, Dr. McClain managed the development, implementation and oversight of the division's reform effort for an effective statewide system of care. One of his many accomplishments was the establishment of standardized assessment protocols for youth in the child welfare, mental health and juvenile justice systems.

From 1997 until 2002, Dr. McClain served as Vice President for Network Management and Regional Operations at the Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership, where he worked to develop and maintain a provider network capable of delivering high quality, responsive services to 450,000 MassHealth members. His extensive experience in child welfare issues also includes work as Senior Supervisor and Director of Training at Roxbury Children's Services from 1987-88 and as Supervisor of the Child Sexual Abuse Unit in the Texas Department of Human Resources. Dr. McClain previously served the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as Program Manager (1988-91) and later Director of Program Management (1991-1994) for the Child/Adolescent Division of the Department of Mental Health's Central Office. Dr. McClain earned his Ph.D. in Social Work from Boston College.

The Department of Social Services (DSS) is the state agency charged with protecting children from abuse and neglect and strengthening families. With the understanding that every child is entitled to a home that is free from abuse and neglect, the Department's vision is to ensure the safety of children in a manner that holds the best hope of nurturing a sustained, resilient network of relationships to support the child's growth and development into adulthood. DSS's programs include foster care, adoption, adolescent services and domestic violence services.

McClain replaces Commissioner Harry Spence.

Elin Howe, Commissioner of the Department of Mental Retardation

Elin Howe has more than 35 years of experience in the field of developmental disabilities, including four years as Commissioner of the New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (1989-93). As Commissioner, she was responsible for policy development, planning, financing, regulating, managing and providing services to more than 75,000 people with mental retardation and developmental disabilities. Howe has extensive experience in state government, having also served as Executive Deputy Commissioner (1984-89) and Associate Commissioner for nine counties (1980-83) and later for the five boroughs of New York City (1983-84).

Since 2003, Howe has served as Vice President of Consulting Services at the Columbus Organization, which helps states and private agencies provide the highest level of services to people with developmental disabilities. The organization specializes in offering a full range of services to Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded (ICFMRs) and both state and private sector community service organizations. In addition, Howe has worked extensively with parents, consumer and advocacy groups, private sector providers, organized labor and in legislative relations. Howe earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Massachusetts State College at Salem and her Master of Public Administration degree from the State University of New York at Albany.

The Department of Mental Retardation (DMR) is dedicated to creating innovative and genuine opportunities for people with mental retardation to participate meaningfully in and contribute to their communities. DMR works closely with individuals, families, provider agencies and advocacy organizations to provide quality support services. The agency offers an array of specialized services and supports for eligible adults and children with mental retardation. These services and supports include: service coordination, community residential and intermediate care facility supports, community day programs, employment programs and family support services.

Howe replaces Commissioner Gerald Morrissey.

Kate Willrich Nordahl, Assistant Commissioner for Policy and Research in the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy

Kate Willrich Nordahl is Assistant Commissioner for Policy and Research in the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy. Nordahl previously served as Director of Policy and Research for the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation, where she worked on health reform implementation monitoring and evaluation.

From 2001 until 2006, Nordahl was Director of the Managed Care Organization Program at the Massachusetts Office of Medicaid. In this role, she managed a \$1.3 billion budget in her oversight of Medicaid contracts with four Managed Care Organizations that served approximately 340,000 MassHealth members. She also oversaw a \$15 million grant program that awarded multi-year grants to community health centers in order to increase access to primary care, reduce emergency department use, and improve health outcomes for persons with chronic illness.

Her government service also includes work as Director of Program Development for MassHealth (1997-2001); she played a critical role in the development of federal and state approvals of the Senior Care Options Program, which serves to integrate Medicare and Medicaid funding and services for persons over 65.

Nordahl fills a vacant position.

Executive Office of Energy and Environment

Richard Sullivan, Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Sullivan has been Mayor of Westfield since 1994. In that capacity, he also serves as chairman of the Westfield School Committee. He is a past president of the Massachusetts Mayors Association, chairman of the Turnpike Advisory Board, and member of the Governor's Local Advisory Committee.

Sullivan served as founding president of the Winding River Land Conservancy, which has protected 1,700 acres of land in western Hampden County.

Sullivan replaces Commissioner Stephen Burrington.

Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development

Nancy L. Snyder, President/CEO, Commonwealth Corporation

For the past 11 years Snyder has worked as Deputy Director and Director of Workforce Policy for the Boston Private Industry Council, creating and building Boston's workforce policy, strategy, and service delivery capabilities.

Prior to joining the PIC Snyder served for five years as the City of Boston's Director of the Mayor's Office of Jobs and Community Services, an agency with a budget of \$20 million, a staff of 100 and more than 150 community-based contractors.

Snyder replaces Linda Rohrer, Vice President at Commonwealth Corporation, who has served as interim president of the quasi-public agency since November 11, 2006.

Jennifer James, Undersecretary of Workforce Development

James has served as Deputy Director at the Department of Workforce Development since 2003, drafting and implementing state and federal workforce policies and overseeing operational issues in partnership with workforce development systems across the state.

As Deputy Director, James spearheaded "Pathways to Success by 21" with more than 10 state agencies and 16 regional teams to better integrate youth programming across the state at the regional providers.

The position of Undersecretary for Workforce Development was created by Governor Patrick's Article 87 reorganization of his cabinet and certain state agencies, approved unanimously by the Legislature earlier this year.

David W. Mackley, Director Department of Workforce Development

Since 2001 Mackley has served as Chief Strategist for Initia, a research and management consulting firm, where he directed all research and consulting services across a wide array of finance, research, energy, transportation, solid waste, and site development projects. He was also responsible for the recruitment, hiring and training for the company.

Before joining Initia, Mackley was CEO and General Manager for Rochester Environmental Park, where he developed all funding plans, contracting, systems, personnel, training, organizational development and governmental compliance strategies.

Mackley will replace Secretary Suzanne Bump, who held the position as Director of Workforce Development prior to her appointment as Secretary in April.

Laura M. Marlin, Commissioner Division of Occupational Safety

Marlin has served as worked in the state Attorney General's Office since 1999, most recently working as Assistant Attorney General in the Criminal Bureau, prosecuting cases involving computer crimes, fraud, embezzlement and public corruption. In July 2006, Marlin was assigned to the team of state and federal prosecutors, State Police and federal agents investigating potential criminal charges stemming from the collapse of the I-90 Connector Tunnel.

In the Attorney General's office, Marlin also served as Deputy Chief of Staff, Director of External Affairs and Outreach Director for Fair Labor and Business Practices. Before joining the Attorney General's Office, Marlin worked for the Massachusetts Teachers Association and the Massachusetts AFL-CIO.

Marlin replaces Ernest Kelley, Program Manager at the Division of Occupational Safety, who has been acting as Commissioner since April.

Economic Development and Housing

Edith Silva, Director of the State Office of Minority and Women Business Assistance (SOWMBA)

Silva is a business management specialist with expertise covering a broad range of disciplines, including business operations, strategic planning, knowledge management, recruitment, systems and management.

Since 2002, Silva has worked as an independent advisory consultant. In that role, she conducted a review of business practices and financial controls for a premier retailer; chaired the executive search committee and conducted the CEO search for a \$28 million health care provider.

Before her appointment, Silva served as Vice President for People and Business Planning for Virgin Life Care, Inc., part of Virgin Group. In that role, she served as advisor the company's CEO and Board of Directors and managed the business performance plan for the company, linking operation to individual performance and addressing underperformance.

She has also served in management positions with Fidelity Investments and Price Waterhouse. She replaces Director Robert Fortes.

Executive Office

Lily Mendez-Morgan, Senior Appointments Director

Lily Mendez-Morgan has served as the Executive Director of the Access Strategies Fund (ASF) for the last seven years, leading the foundation's grant making efforts, effectively investing \$3 million in community-based and statewide organizations. These organizations are dedicated to increasing civic participation by mobilizing and engaging their constituents in important public policy discussions. They have supported organizations who have achieved record-breaking civic participation by people of color and the immigrant community.

Mendez-Morgan is a nationally recognized leader in the grant making community, and has served on the executive committees of the National Network of Grantmakers and the Associated Grantmakers of Massachusetts. Mendez-Morgan has been an advisor

to several national voter participation efforts, most recently to Progressive Majority's Racial Justice Fund. Prior to joining the foundation, Mendez-Morgan held key positions within the nonprofit and government sector. She worked for four years as State Representative Charlotte Golar Richie's Chief of Staff, serving as a senior advisor on policy, political strategy and constituent issues.

As Senior Appointments Director, Mendez-Morgan is responsible for overseeing gubernatorial appointments throughout the Executive branch as well as appointments to the states Boards and Commissions.

Ron Marlow, Development Cabinet Director

Prior to accepting the position of Director of the Development Cabinet in the Patrick administration, Marlow served as the Chief Operating Officer at Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corporation. In this role, he was responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the corporation. Prior to joining the staff of Dorchester Bay EDC, Mr. Marlow served as Chief of Staff to state Senator Dianne Wilkerson. Mr. Marlow has also served as Vice President of the Massachusetts Association of Community Development Corporations; Director of Community Services at the Boston Housing Authority; and, Chief of Staff at the Boston Housing Authority (1999-2000)

Mr. Marlow has been very active in the Boston community. He has served on the Boards of Action for Boston Community Development, Inc., the Hispanic Office of Planning and Evaluation, the Private Industry Council, Project RIGHT, and the Board of Quincy/Geneva Housing Corporation. He has been recognized by many organizations for his outstanding accomplishments; in February 2000, The Boston Herald recognized Mr. Marlow as a "future Black history maker."

As Development Cabinet Director, Marlow will be responsible for coordinating policy development and implementation across the following areas: Labor and Workforce Development, Housing and Economic Development, Energy and Environmental Affairs, and Transportation and Construction.

Mark A. Conrad, Nominee, Parole Board

Conrad has been a uniform patrolman for the Milton Police Department for the past 17 years. He is an expert in surveillance, undercover investigations, and SWAT operations. For his entire career, Conrad has also focused on the prevention side of law enforcement - working closely with communities to identify patterns of crime and serving as a D.A.R.E. Summer Camp Instructor. In 2001, he launched WESCON Personal Protection focusing on dignitary protection and security for churches and corporations. Conrad holds a B.A. Curry College and an M.A. from Boston University, both in Criminal Justice.

Conrad's nomination will require the advice and consent of the Governor's Council.