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Date: April 20, 2018  
To: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors  
From: Chris Abele, County Executive  
Subject: Appointment of Mary Jo Meyers

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Sec. 59.17(2), Milwaukee County General Ordinance 17.30(2) and subject to confirmation of your Honorable Body, I am pleased to appoint Ms. Mary Jo Meyers to the position of Director of Health and Human Services for Milwaukee County.

A 34 year Milwaukee County employee, Ms. Meyers has served as Associate Director of Children's Services and Wraparound Milwaukee in the Behavioral Health Division since 1997, followed by becoming the Director in July of 2015. In these roles she has helped design, launch, implement and oversee programs such as the Milwaukee County's Mobile Urgent Treatment Team and Wraparound Milwaukee. Wraparound Milwaukee is a nationally-recognized system of care for children and their families which incorporates best practices including person centered planning and trauma informed care. These programs have significantly reduced our reliance on institutional based care while consistently producing better outcomes for the children and their families of Milwaukee County

Ms. Meyers has received numerous accolades and awards in her career. These include recognition by the American Public Human Services Association for Outstanding Training Education and Leadership in 2016, and the Best Community-based Program for Youth Involved in the Juvenile Justice System Award from the Office of Wisconsin State Public Defenders in 2017. In 2009, Wraparound Milwaukee was recognized with a Best Innovations Award from Harvard University and the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

As a nationally-recognized expert in system of care development as well as community and family engagement Ms. Meyers will remain central to Milwaukee County's ongoing efforts to implement successful, evidence-based reforms to our youth justice system that will improve outcomes for kids and families, and make our communities safer. In addition she will be instrumental in leading DHHS to a future state of improved customer care, focused on inclusion, reduction of stigma and enhanced access to needed support and services within their communities.

During her tenure working for Milwaukee County, Ms. Meyers has demonstrated a tireless commitment to advocacy for the underserved as well as to building strong partnerships with families, community stakeholders and among leaders in all levels of government. I urge you to give this appointment your favorable consideration.

Chris Abele  
Milwaukee County Executive

cc: Supervisor Supreme Moore Omokunde, Chair, Health and Human Needs Committee  
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Mary Jo Meyers