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Milwaukee County
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DATE: April 29, 2013
TO: Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
FROM: Chris Abele, County Executive
SUBJECT: Appointment of Michael Hafemann

Pursuant to Sec. 59.17(2) Wis. Stats, and subject to confirmation by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, I am pleased to appoint Mr. Michael Hafemann to the position of Superintendent of the House of Corrections (HOC).

I conducted a thorough search for the best candidate to run the HOC. Over the course of 5 months, I met with numerous corrections experts to seek advice on finding and implementing strong leadership for the HOC. Mr. Hafemann was ultimately recommended unanimously by the selection panel I convened as the top choice for the position.

Mr. Hafemann has over three decades of experience in corrections and law enforcement, including serving as a Corrections Officer in Waukesha County, managing that Correctional Facility, and serving as the head Administrator for the Sauk County Jail. Through these positions, he has developed a strong commitment to electronic monitoring and inmate programming and strong correctional and transition expertise. In addition, Mr. Hafemann shares my commitment to providing quality physical and mental healthcare to inmates at the HOC. In his previous leadership positions, Mr. Hafemann has made inmate programming a priority - ranging from work-release to GED attainment, and has developed expertise in the development and implementation of operational policies and procedures. He has put strong emphasis on making sure the facility is run in a safe manner while also implementing evidence-based programs to reduce recidivism.

Mr. Hafemann has passed a thorough background check that gives me every confidence that his expertise is backed by integrity.

I have every confidence that Mr. Hafemann will bring to the House of Corrections the leadership and vision needed for Milwaukee County. I urge you to give this appointment your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Abele".

Chris Abele
Milwaukee County Executive

Attachment

Cc: County Board of Supervisors
Kelly Bablitch, Chief of Staff, Board of Supervisors