

Date:

September 11, 2020

To:

Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From:

David Crowley, County Executive

Subject:

Appointment of Shakita LaGrant to the position of Director of Health and Human

Services

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Sec. 59.17(2), Milwaukee County General Ordinance 17.30(2) and subject to confirmation of your Honorable Body, I'm please to appoint Ms. Shakita LaGrant to the position of Director of Health and Human Services for Milwaukee County to a four-year term expiring September 24, 2024.

The Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is one the largest departments at Milwaukee County with over 800 employees serving across several divisions. LaGrant has been with DHHS since 2013, where she served as the Program Coordinator for the Disability Resource Center, analyzing and developing policies for the department. In May of this year, Ms. LaGrant became Interim Director of Health and Human Services and Interim Director of the Department on Aging where she has focused on linking No Wrong Door Initiatives to health and racial equity through people centered design.

LaGrant holds a Master's in Business Administration from Mount Mary University and has been an adjunct professor of communications and public speaking. She has years of direct experience managing cases as well as supervising and directing division programs.

During her career working for Milwaukee County, Ms. LaGrant has demonstrated a strong commitment to excellence and a high level of service to residents and employees of Milwaukee County. In the five months Ms. LaGrant has served as Interim Director of Health and Human Services, her leadership and passion for service has shown exemplary in overseeing a department responsible for meeting an ever-growing demand for critical services in the throes of the COVID-19 pandemic.

A copy of the resume of Ms. LaGrant, who resides in Milwaukee, is attached for your review.

Sincerely,

David Crowley,

County Executive

Cc: Supervisor Supreme Moore Omokunde, Chair, Health and Human Needs Committee

Kelly Bablitch, Chief of Staff, Board of Supervisors

Allyson Smith, Committee Coordinator

Shakita LaGrant