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McLean County Health Department Welcomes New Director

BLOOMINGTON, IL- The McLean County Health Department welcomes Camille Rodriguez as its new director after its Board of Directors voted to appoint Ms. Rodriguez in their meeting this evening. The Board's action comes with the fullest confidence that Ms. Rodriguez will continue to be an excellent steward of the McLean County Health Department's mission and serve as a leader and advocate for public health in McLean County. Rodriguez, who previously served as the Director of the Bureau of Community Health Promotion for the Wisconsin Department of Health Services' Division of Public Health, will succeed Cathy Coverston Anderson who has filled the role of interim director since former director, Walt Howe, retired in February.

"We want to extend heartfelt gratitude to Cathy Coverston Anderson, whose steady hand and experience has ably guided the health department through this 10-month transitional period. Cathy's knowledge and leadership have been invaluable not only to the staff at the health department, but to me," said Judy Buchanan, President of the McLean County Board of Health. "Fortunately, we will retain Cathy's talents as she will resume the roles of Director of Community Health Services and Assistant Administrator. We recognize the amount of work it took to serve as both interim director as well as director of a large division within the department and we could not be more grateful to her for the fine work she has done in both capacities. Today, we are excited to welcome Camille Rodriguez as the new Director and look forward to her leadership as the organization continues to grow and respond to the ever-changing needs of McLean County residents."

Rodriguez's career spans more than 20 years in health and human service programs at both state and local levels. She is master's prepared in health administration and is a member of the Wisconsin Child Abuse Neglect Committee, the Wisconsin Medical Home Implementation Team, and the Department of Children and Families' Steering Committee on Opioids. Rodriguez has also served on Wisconsin's Child Death Review Council and the Long-Term Care Council.

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Prior to this appointment, Ms. Rodriguez was responsible for providing direction and leadership to 60 programs, supported by \$160M in funding, including Title V/Maternal and Child Health; Wisconsin's WIC and Nutrition programs; Chronic Disease and Cancer control and screening programs; and, Tobacco prevention and oral health programming. She has served Wisconsin's Medicaid programs in the administration of 1915C Home and Community Based Waivers for children and adults with disabilities and provided oversight to the state's Birth to 3 Program, as well as and the Wisconsin Child Abuse Neglect Committee.

Closer to home, Ms. Rodriguez served the State of Illinois for a decade -- in the Department of Children and Family Services' Division of Child Protection and with the Office of the Executive Inspector General in Springfield.

"I am eager to begin the new year and to lead the passionate and dedicated public health team at the McLean County Health Department," said Rodriguez. "Working with these new colleagues, I'm committed to efficiently and effectively continuing the long tradition of excellent services and programs for which the health department is known. Looking forward, I am equally committed to building new partnerships and collaboratives that position us to meet the changing health needs and priorities of McLean County so that all residents have a chance of living a healthy life."

Rodriguez will be relocating to McLean County. Her first day in the office will be Wednesday, January 3, 2018.

The McLean County Health Department is dedicated to the prevention and control of disease through health promotion, early intervention and health protection within the county. For more information, please visit <http://health.mcleancountyil.gov>. For social media users, "Like" McLeanHealth on Facebook or follow us on Twitter for updates about public health affecting you.

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