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**ANNOUNCEMENT FROM COMMISSIONER MIRIAM DELPHIN-RITTMON**

**Regarding Whiting Forensic Hospital Leadership**

**February 26, 2021**

Mr. Hal Smith, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Whiting Forensic Hospital (WFH) has submitted his resignation effective February 26, 2021 to pursue other opportunities.

I want to express my appreciation for Hal's years of service with the department and wish him well in his future endeavors. Hal was instrumental in leading the hospital after the separation of WFH from Connecticut Valley Hospital. He championed the implementation of numerous innovative initiatives geared towards improving care and safety of our clients.

The department will be undertaking a national search for a new CEO. In the interim, I have appointed Jose Crego, LCSW LADC, currently the Chief Operating Officer of WFH, as the Acting CEO. In his role of Acting CEO, Mr. Crego will lead the management team of the hospital and will report directly to me.

Please join me in thanking Hal for his service and supporting Jose in his acting role.