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### Press Release

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### DDS Commissioner Macy Appoints Two New Regional Directors

(Hartford, CT)- Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Commissioner Terrence W. Macy, Ph.D. is pleased to announce the appointment of Thomas A. Dailey, LCSW as the new DDS South Regional Director and Jordan A. Scheff as the DDS North Regional Director.

“I am extremely pleased with the selection process of the new Regional Directors”, said Commissioner Macy. “We had stakeholder groups in the regions interview the prospective candidates and advise on the appointments. It is important for the individuals we support and their families to be a part of this process. We value their input and appreciate their time. Both Thomas and Jordan bring years of experience in the field and will truly be an asset to the department, individuals, families, employees and the private provider community”.

Mr. Dailey started his career in 1983 as a human services direct care worker in Massachusetts. He worked as a Special Education Teacher, for a publishing company, a director of Quality Assurance for Dorchester Counseling Center, Roxbury, Massachusetts before joining the Massachusetts Department of Mental Retardation in Boston as Assistant Area Director. In 2001, Mr. Dailey became the Connecticut DDS South Region Assistant Regional Director (ARD) for Public Residential and Day Services. Since then he has worked in that position in both the North and South Regions, as well as ARD of Individual and Family Supports and Private Administration. Most recently, he was the North Region Interim Regional Director.

Mr. Dailey has a Bachelor of Arts, English Literature Degree from Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts, a Master of Social Work, Salem State College, Salem, Massachusetts and is a licensed social worker in Connecticut.

“I would like to thank Commissioner Macy and Deputy Commissioner Drexler for having confidence in me to take on the role of regional director during these challenging times”, said Mr. Dailey. “I am committed to doing everything I can to actualize Commissioner Macy’s vision of putting people and families first. I look forward to working to make the five year plan a reality. I want to thank everybody in the North Region for their warm reception during the past six months, and I am looking forward to returning to the South Region in my new role.”

Mr. Scheff, appointed as the North Region Director is currently the Executive Director of MARCH, Inc. of Manchester, Connecticut, a private non-profit agency. He began his career in 1991 as a Vocational Director overseeing day programs for Shelton Inc., in Belchertown, Massachusetts. For several years, he worked for

Public Consulting Group, Inc. in Boston, working directly with the Massachusetts Department of Social Services. In 1998, Mr. Scheff was the Director of Days Services and Residential Services for the Trudeau Memorial Center, Warwick, Rhode Island. He became the MARCH, Inc. Executive Director in 2003 and currently oversees a \$5.2 million dollar annual budget and a staff of 190.

Mr. Scheff has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Communications from Rhode Island College, Providence, Rhode Island and a Master of Science Degree in Human Service Management from Springfield College, Springfield, Massachusetts.

Mr. Scheff said, "I look forward to working with Commissioner Macy and Deputy Commissioner Drexler toward the department's goals and vision of people and families first. I have dedicated my career to working with individuals with intellectual disability and am honored to have this opportunity to continue to make a difference in their lives".

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