



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES
A Healthcare Service Agency

ANNOUNCEMENT TO OOC STAFF

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Governor M. Jodi Rell has appointed Deputy Commissioner Patricia Rehmer MSN as Acting Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) effective today. She assumes these responsibilities following Commissioner Kirk's retirement. Ms. Rehmer was originally appointed Deputy Commissioner in November 2004 and was reappointed to serve in that role in 2007.

Since joining DMHAS in 1999, she has served as the Chief Executive Officer of Capitol Region Mental Health Center in Hartford and has been instrumental in managing department initiatives designed to enhance the system's quality while promoting individual recovery. She was named Assistant Commissioner in April 2003 and, as a member of the Commissioner's Executive Management team, assisted with strategic planning and clinical program design. She has also overseen the state's inpatient and community services and has responsibility for Young Adult Services and Statewide Services.

The Department of Administrative Services has initiated a national search for Commissioner Kirk's replacement. Ms. Rehmer will remain in the Acting Commissioner's position until a permanent replacement is identified. During the transition period, Pat will continue to emphasize the direction established by Commissioner Kirk and the initiatives that have made Connecticut one of the leading behavioral health systems in the country.