

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES



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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- State Law Change
- Federal Law or Regulation Change
- Court Order or Settlement Agreement
- Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by SDSS

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENTS IN THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIVISION

I am pleased to announce three new appointments to the Information Technology Division's management team. They are: Mr. Dennis Walker, Chief of the Statewide Automated Welfare Systems Branch; Mr. James Miller, Chief of the Applied Technology Branch; and Mr. Nasser Azimi, Chief of the Statewide Child Welfare Services Case Management Systems Branch.

The Information Technology Division was established earlier this year to consolidate the management and staff resources of all the Department's information technology activities. The appointments of Mr. Walker, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Azimi will enhance the effort to provide consistent and coordinated information services and support.

Mr. Walker, as Chief of the Statewide Automated Welfare Systems Branch (SAWS), will be responsible for overseeing the application system planning, development, implementation, and maintenance of the statewide information technology systems. In cooperation with county governments, he will provide leadership, and establish policy and procedures to ensure cohesive and timely automation project implementation.

Mr. Miller will manage the Applied Technology Branch, consisting of the Data Processing and Office Automation Bureau, the Disability Evaluation Computer Support Bureau, and the Community Care Licensing Information Systems Bureau. He will be responsible for establishing the Department's technical architecture and strategic planning activities, and overseeing the application system planning, design, development, implementation, and maintenance of all the information technology systems in the Bureaus.

Mr. Azimi will be responsible for planning, organizing, and directing the activities of the Statewide Child Welfare Services Case Management System (CWS/CMS) Branch. He will develop and administer the Child Welfare Services policies and procedures for automation purposes and be responsible for ensuring that the CWS/CMS meets the needs of the state and county staff and other users of the system.

Each of the three gentlemen brings experience and expertise that will be of tremendous value and benefit to the state and counties. Mr. Walker and Mr. Azimi will work closely with the counties and other state entities to ensure the SAWS and CWS/CMS are responsive to operational business needs. Mr. Miller will work closely with customers to provide the data processing support and services required to ensure program objectives are met.

An organizational chart is attached for your information.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. S. Howland", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

M. S. HOWLAND  
Deputy Director  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIVISION

Attachment

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
DIVISION  
M. HOWLAND

