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Arapahoe County hires new Human Services Director *Cheryl Ternes selected to oversee 363-member department*

LITTLETON, CO --- Arapahoe County has hired Cheryl Ternes as the new Director of the Department of Human Services. She begins July 17.

The Board of County Commissioners selected Ternes, the current deputy director of the Jefferson County Human Services Department where she has worked since 1984, to oversee the 363-member department when current Director Brian Field retires Aug. 1.

Ternes has spent 22 years at Jefferson County, beginning her career as an eligibility technician in 1984. Throughout her career, she has served in a variety of positions, each gaining in responsibility. In her current capacity as deputy director, Ternes oversees several areas within the Human Services Department, including the Community Assistance Division, Business Office Division, Investigations, Business Process Analysis and Quality Assurance. She directly supervises two division directors and multiple high level staff, and serves as the department director in the director's absence.

"Cheryl's knowledge and experience in the Human Services field will be an invaluable asset to Arapahoe County," said Commissioner Susan Beckman, who serves as the Board liaison to the Human Services Department. "We are thrilled to welcome Cheryl as she joins Arapahoe County in her new capacity and look forward to working with her as she guides the department in meeting the needs of our citizens."

The Human Services Department is committed to providing quality services to Arapahoe County residents and is dedicated to the promotion of self-sufficiency and human dignity. The department, which has a \$32.7 million budget and 363 employees, consists of four divisions: Administrative Services, Children, Adult and Family Services, Community Support Services and Legal.

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