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Department Leadership Team Update

Coordinating Board for Higher Education
December 9, 2020

BACKGROUND

The Department of Higher Education (DHEWD) is organized into seven offices, including the Office of Operations, Office of Postsecondary Policy, Office of Workforce Development, Office of Performance & Strategy, Office of Communications & Outreach, Office of General Counsel, and Office of the Commissioner. Currently, the Commissioner's Office includes an interim chief of staff, executive assistant and board secretary, and special assistant for external relations.

CURRENT STATUS

As of January 1, 2021, Becky Dunn will serve as the department's chief of staff. Her responsibilities will include strategic planning, internal communication, leadership development, and initiatives that support the development of positive workplace culture.

Danielle Briot, who served as interim chief of staff, left the department to work in the Office of Administration Office of Equal Opportunity on December 1, 2020. Her vacant position has been restructured and is now the Director of Operational Excellence. The position will report to the chief of staff and the responsibilities will include development and execution of annual plans to implement the department's strategic plan, staff training, and operational problem-solving.

Ms. Dunn currently serves as the Assistant Commissioner for Communications & Outreach. That position will be filled at the conclusion of a search.

NEXT STEPS

Members of the board and the Presidential Advisory Committee should continue to correspond with Commissioner Mulligan as they have in the past. Ms. Dunn will serve as back-up when Commissioner Mulligan is unavailable.

RECOMMENDATION

This is an information item only.

ATTACHMENT

- Updated DHEWD Organizational Chart

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DHEWD Organizational Chart

Effective January 1, 2020

