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Mayor Schor Welcomes New Director of Human Relations and Community Services

Kimberly Coleman to Start New Role as HRCS Director on Monday, February 17, 2020

(LANSING) – Mayor Schor today announced the hiring of Kim Coleman as the City of Lansing’s Director of the Department of Human Relations and Community Services (HRCS). Kim will begin her new role at the City today, Monday, February 17, 2020.

“I am proud to welcome Kim Coleman as the new Director of HRCS,” said Mayor Schor. “Kim has robust experience working with many coalitions to create and strengthen partnerships to effectively provide human services. I am confident that Kim will lead the HRCS team in continuing to provide important and necessary services to those in need in Lansing.”

Kim joins the City of Lansing with past experience as the Executive Director of the Grand Rapids Bar Association, Executive Director of the Downtown Lansing Branch of the YMCA, Executive Director of Single Parent Family Institute, Mental Health Supervisor at Saginaw County Community Mental Health, Crisis/Outpatient Therapist, among other professional roles. She currently serves as the Chair of the Ingham County Department of Human Services Board of Directors.

“I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve the Lansing community,” said Coleman. “As thrilled and honored as I am by the confidence shown in me, I recognize the responsibility being entrusted and look forward to working with Mayor Schor and the team to help implement the vision for the department and for Lansing.”

Kim earned her bachelor’s degree in social work from Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi, and her master’s in social work from the University of Louisville in Louisville, Kentucky. She has continued to take higher education coursework at Michigan State University, Nova University in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and other institutions.

Coleman was originally identified as a candidate for a Deputy Director position at HRCS with the intention to create a succession plan towards becoming Director. With the retirement of Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson, Coleman will now join the City of Lansing as Director. Former HRCS Director Willard Walker will continue to aid the department during this transition period.

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