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Mayor McNamara Names Executive Director of Human Service Department

ROCKFORD, Ill. – Mayor Tom McNamara announced today he is appointing **Anquetta Parham as Executive Director of the Human Service Department for the City of Rockford.**

Parham is an attorney with more than a decade of health care and human services experience in direct services, administration and risk management. Most recently, she served as Manager of International Trade Compliance for Collins Aerospace.

For the last 13 years, she has also owned a consulting company which organizes and executes health and social services programs. Parham serves on many community boards, including the Wabongo Leadership Council, SwedishAmerican Health System, and the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois. She holds a law degree from John Marshall Law School, a master's in public health from Benedictine University and a bachelor's in sociology from DePaul University.

The Human Services Department is the designated public Community Action Agency for Winnebago and Boone Counties, which exist to break the cycle of generational poverty and to mitigate the immediate effects of poverty on individuals, families and neighborhoods. Services are administered under two Divisions with input from a Community Action Board and the Head Start Policy Council.

- Head Start includes Early Head Start for children prenatal three years old and their families, and services for children three to five years old and their families.
- Community Services including Community Health & Prevention, Housing Programs, Community Action Programs, Energy Programs

"I'm excited to appoint Anquetta to this important role," says Mayor McNamara. "She has been an exceptional leader in this community, and I'm confident she'll be a valuable member of the City's management team."

Parham will earn \$116,979.20 as Director. Her appointment will go to City Council on Tuesday, February 18, and is also subject to approval by the Office of Head Start.

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