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Governor Names New Human Services Commissioner

Gov. Christie Whitman today nominated Michele Guhl to become the state's next Commissioner of the Department of Human Services. Guhl currently serves as Deputy Commissioner of the department and the Director of the Division of Youth and Family Services.

"Michele Guhl will make an extraordinary addition to the Cabinet," the Governor said. "She has a proven track record and a remarkable understanding of human service issues.

"Michele brings to this job a very special combination of management skills and a full understanding of client needs," the Governor said.

"She began her career at the local level and experienced firsthand the rewards and frustrations of providing services to those in need. Needless to say, these experiences have served her well," Gov. Whitman said

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"Her achievements in helping to turn around the beleaguered Division of Youth and Family Services speak volumes about her talents and abilities.

"I can think of no one more qualified to take the reigns at the Department of Human Services," the Governor said.

Guhl, 50, is a resident of Lawrence Township and has two grown sons. She received her undergraduate degree from Drew University and holds a masters degree from William Paterson College.

She previously served as Deputy Chief of Staff and Cabinet Secretary for Governor Whitman.