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Mary Williams Elected NAPCWA President

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A seasoned public child welfare director has been elected the next president of the National Association of Public Child Welfare Administrators, an affiliate organization of the American Public Human Services Association. APHSA is a Washington, D.C.–based nonprofit, bipartisan organization that represents government health and human service professionals in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico and is committed to carrying out our work through strong connections and partnerships among the many areas of government and the broader community that affect the well-being of our citizens.

Mary C. Williams, who currently serves as the director of Program Improvement for the South Carolina Department of Social Services, began leading the national child welfare affiliate organization in early January. Williams has been a member of NAPCWA for several years and active on the Executive Committee, previously serving as Vice President. She has assisted NAPCWA on developing suggested policy changes and recommendations for critical federal child welfare reforms, such as the redesign of the Child and Family Services Reviews and child welfare financing.

Williams' current responsibilities at DSS include serving as the federal liaison to the Administration for Children and Families (Atlanta Regional and Washington, D.C. office), coordinating various interagency programs and being responsible for quality assurance reviews in her state. She was previously the director of Human Services at DSS, having oversight of child welfare, child care and adult service programs and managing a budget of approximately \$116 million in state and federal funds and more than 420 employees, including 25 supervisors.

A former staff attorney for SCDSS's General Counsel and the Children's Law Center at the University of S.C. School of Law, Williams is a member of the Children's Committee of the S.C. Bar Association and former volunteer Guardian ad Litem for Richland County CASA for almost a decade. In 2006, she was also appointed by S.C.'s governor to spearhead the Independent Living Policy Academy for the National Governor Association, and organized the Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Task Force, which was awarded a multi-million dollar grant from the Department of Justice to develop a local response to domestic violence and child maltreatment.

Williams succeeds NAPCWA past president, Erin Sullivan Sutton, of the Minnesota Department of Human Services.

About the APHSA

APHSA is a bipartisan, nonprofit organization representing appointed state health and human service agency commissioners—the nation's top government human service executives from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the territories—and their key state program managers, plus hundreds of county-level directors of human services throughout the nation—for the exchange of knowledge, data, best practices, policy review and development, networking and advocacy. APHSA is committed to carrying out our work through strong connections and partnerships among the many areas of government and the broader community that affect the well-being of our citizens. APHSA's mission is to pursue excellence in health and human services by supporting state and local agencies, informing policymakers, and working with our partners to drive innovative, integrated and efficient solutions in policy and practice.