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MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT

Wardens Steve Rivard of St. Louis Correctional Facility and Mitch Perry of Newberry Correctional Facility have volunteered to assist with the Department's Employee Engagement efforts and have begun traveling to MDOC work locations throughout the state. Their efforts are meant to engage supervisors and staff to gain a better understanding of the employee engagement activities taking place at CFA facilities, FOA offices, and Central Office. They will be acting as employee engagement consultants, gathering information about the unique efforts occurring across the state, while also sharing information about best practices and successful engagement activities.

This endeavor will assist the Department in making continued strides in Communication, Leadership, and Employee Engagement / Inclusion which were key areas identified by employees in prior surveys. Look for upcoming information in future newsletters on their findings and for the opportunity to read about Employee Engagement activities throughout the Department.

NEW APPOINTMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT

The department has a new Public Information Officer, with the hiring of Chris Gautz who is taking over the duties from Russ Marlan who was recently named the Acting Deputy Director of the Field Operations Administration. Chris began on the job Monday, November 10. He comes to us from Crain's Detroit Business, where he worked as the publication's Capitol Correspondent. Prior to that he worked as a reporter covering the House of Representatives for Gongwer News Service. Chris has worked at a variety of daily newspapers in his career, including The Daily Telegram, the Midland Daily News, the Jackson Citizen Patriot and the South Bend Tribune. He is a graduate of Central Michigan University.



We are proud to announce the appointment of Gary R. Kerstein, DO as our new CMO, effective January 4, 2015. Dr. Kerstein received his Masters in Health Administration from Central Michigan University and his Doctor of Osteopathy from the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences in Des Moines, Iowa. He brings a wealth of executive medical leadership experience to this position, including special training in preventive medicine and public health. As part of the partnership between the MDOC and Michigan State University's College of Human Medicine, Dr. Kerstein will not only provide oversight to the medical care delivered within BHCS, but will also work closely with faculty at MSU to bring a population health management and preventive approach to our system. Dr. Kerstein has worked in corrections since the Spring of 2013, currently in the role of Assistant Chief Medical Officer. Recruitment efforts are underway to find a new Assistant Chief Medical Officer to replace Dr. Kerstein.

Please join us in congratulating and welcoming Chris Gautz and Dr. Kerstein to their new appointments.

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