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TJJD Board Appoints Interim Director

AUSTIN – The Board of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) today selected Linda Brooke to serve as the agency’s interim executive director beginning April 1, 2014. Brooke will replace outgoing Director Mike Griffiths, whose resignation takes effect March 31.

Brooke has served as TJJD Chief of Staff since September 2012, supervising the agency’s External Affairs, Monitoring and Inspections, Policy and Standards Development, and Administrative Investigations divisions. Prior to that, she served as the agency’s Director of Governmental Relations since its inception in November 2011. For 19 years prior to that, she worked with the TJJD legacy agency Texas Juvenile Probation Commission as a field services resource specialist, Director of Education Services, and as the Director of External Affairs, Policy and Education Services.

She began her career in juvenile justice working in Montgomery County, Texas where she has worked as a juvenile detention officer, probation officer and later as supervisor in the administrative service division. Brooke pioneered the development of the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Programs in Texas and serves as a state resource for local juvenile probation departments, school districts, juvenile boards and the state legislature.

TJJD board chairman Scott Fisher noted that Brooke’s history with the agency and extensive background in juvenile justice will serve the agency well during the interim while the board searches for a permanent executive director.

“The Board has full confidence in Ms. Brooke as well as the current management team that Mike Griffiths has assembled,” Fisher said. “TJJD has made significant improvements during the past several years and we fully expect those improvements to continue during this time.”

Fisher said the board does not have specific timeline for hiring a new executive director but will move expeditiously while ensuring a comprehensive search is conducted.

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