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Joan Planell Appointed Health & Human Services Agency Director

(Woodland, CA) – Yolo County Administrator Patrick Blacklock has announced the appointment of Joan Planell as Health and Human Services Agency Director. Planell will be the first director appointed to this newly created agency which integrates the departments of Health Services and Employment & Social Services. The Department of Health Services recently integrated the departments of Health and Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health.

Most recently, Planell has served as the Director of the Department of Employment & Social Services. Prior to her tenure with Yolo County which began in October 2013, Planell was the Deputy Director of the Arlington County Human Services Department in Arlington, Virginia from 2008 to 2013, serving as the chief operating officer for its integrated health and human services department.

“Joan Planell has over 20 years of experience in policy and practice in the delivery of integrated services” said Yolo County Administrator Patrick Blacklock. “In addition to her programmatic knowledge, I have great confidence that her leadership skills will help our team strengthen our programs and services as we implement an integrated health and human services system in Yolo.”

Planell holds a bachelor of science degree in psychology from Georgetown University and two master degrees – one in clinical social work and the other in public policy – both from the University of Maryland.

“I am honored to be selected to lead the Yolo County team to build an integrated department,” said Joan Planell. “In partnership with county staff, especially those within the departments of Health Services and Employment & Social Services, and our community partners, I am confident that we can achieve better outcomes for those in need.”

Planell will assume her new responsibilities on April 1. The annual salary range for this position is \$162,900 - \$198,012.

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