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Kim Suderman Appointed Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Director

(Woodland, CA) – Yolo County Administrator, Sharon Jensen, today announced the appointment of Kim Suderman as Director of the Department of Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health (ADMH). Ms. Suderman will be filling the position currently held by Interim Director, Ed Smith. Ms. Suderman returns to Yolo County and ADMH after serving most recently as Deputy Director in San Joaquin County's Behavioral Health Department.

“Ed Smith, recently retired as Director of Health Services in Sutter County, graciously agreed to assist Yolo County in this interim period. We are grateful for his kind and astute leadership,” said Sharon Jensen, Yolo County Administrator. “I am confident that Kim Suderman, with her almost thirty years of experience in the field of behavioral health, will continue to lead us in the direction which allows us to continue providing important alcohol, drug and mental health services to our most vulnerable residents.”

Prior to her tenure with San Joaquin County Behavioral Health Services, Kim Suderman served as Children's Coordinator in the Children's System of Care for San Joaquin County Mental Health Services and as Clinical Program Manager for the Children's System of Care for Yolo County Mental Health Services and in a variety of both public and private sector position in Yuba County. Ms. Suderman has served on a number of state committees and presented at numerous conferences throughout her career. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work from Fresno Pacific College and her Master of Social Work from California State University, Fresno.

“As I look forward to re-joining the Yolo County Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health team after ten plus years, I am acutely aware of the multiple turnovers in leadership as well as the cutbacks and circumstances some may view as devastating,” notes Kim Suderman. “But I have every confidence we will revitalize the old while building the new, and we will monitor clinical medical necessity in the least restrictive environment, while ensuring fiscal sustainability and service excellence. Our charge – to partner with and serve the seriously emotionally disturbed children/youth and their families and the severely mentally ill adults – has not changed. I am honored for the opportunity to participate in leading that charge.”

Kim Suderman will assume her new responsibilities on October 6, 2008. The annual salary range for this position is \$96,792 to \$117,648.

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