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Janet Conover Named Director of Operations

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Aug. 23, 2019) – Kentucky Department of Corrections Deputy Commissioner Randy White announced today that Janet Conover has been named as the department’s Director of Operations for Adult Institutions.

“Conover brings nearly three decades of Correctional experience with her, spanning all aspects of institutional management, adult facility operations, classification knowledge in addition to Central Office experience,” said White, “which makes her ideal for the position of Operations Director.”

Conover began her career in 1989 as a correctional officer at the Kentucky Correctional Institution for Women (KCIW) in Pewee Valley. Before her promotion in 2002 as a program administrator in the Classification Branch, Conover had worked as a classification and treatment officer and unit administrator. In 2004, she was promoted to executive staff advisor for Adult Institutions. Two years later, Conover was promoted to deputy warden of security at KCIW. In 2008, she was named deputy warden of programs and supervised the institution’s operations, including classification and transfers, grievances, assessment center operations, education, correctional industries, religious services, and recreation.

In October 2009, Conover was appointed as interim warden of KCIW until being named warden in January 2010. While serving as warden, Conover was instrumental in the conversion of Western Kentucky Correctional Complex to a female prison in 2010, and then back to a male facility in 2015. She was one of the first wardens to become a certified PREA auditor. Her institution also held the first PREA audit when Kentucky initiated PREA compliance.

Conover is a graduate of Bellarmine University where she earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology and sociology. She is a 2007 graduate of the Commissioner’s Executive Leadership Program.

Conover received the Employee of the Year award in 1995 from KCIW and the 2016 Warden of the Year award at the department’s annual awards ceremony. She is a member of the Kentucky Council on Crime and Delinquency.

Editor’s note: photo attached

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