



## **Kentucky Department of Corrections**

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### **Lisa Lamb Named Deputy Commissioner of Community Services and Local Facilities**

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (June 9, 2020)** – Kentucky Department of Corrections Commissioner Cookie Crews announced today that Lisa Lamb has been appointed as deputy commissioner for the Department of Corrections (DOC).

Lamb will oversee the Office of Community Services and Local Facilities, which includes the divisions of probation and parole, local facilities, addiction services, and reentry services within the department. In her new role, she will remain the primary spokesperson for the department.

“Over her long career, Lamb has exemplified the dedication and self-sacrifice necessary to accomplish our mission at DOC,” said Crews. “Her vast knowledge and commitment to public service has earned her the unequivocal respect of her peers, and she has played a decisive role in these challenging times.”

An 18-year veteran of the agency, Lamb has served as the communications director for the length of her career, acting as the spokesperson for the entire department. In addition to managing public information officers, she oversees the Victim Services Branch (VSB), which includes a team of victim advocates who work with victims daily as they navigate the criminal justice system post-conviction.

Lamb was responsible for an overhaul of the Commissioner’s Executive Leadership Program upon assuming oversight in 2013. Each year approximately 25 DOC employees participate in the nine-month long program that fosters the department’s most promising future leaders.

The department holds a yearly awards luncheon, the only department-wide event honoring staff who have gone above and beyond in their job duties. Since 2002, Lamb has been instrumental in organizing and executing this event, which brings much deserved recognition to the department’s hardworking staff. Lamb also served as co-chair of the 2016 Women Working in Corrections and Juvenile Justice conference. The conference was lauded as extremely successful and attracted attendees from across the country to Louisville.

“I am honored and humbled to take on this new role and I want to thank Justice and Public Safety Cabinet Secretary Mary Noble and Commissioner Cookie Crews for the confidence they’ve shown in me,” said Lamb. “I

love the Department of Corrections and I am passionate about the critical work we do. I have so much respect for the men and women throughout our agency and I look forward to helping our leadership team move DOC forward.”

Prior to her career in state government, Lamb worked for 17 years in the newspaper industry. Her first job was as a reporter and editor for the Harlan Daily Enterprise, where she covered police and court news. In 1996, she moved to the Frankfort area to become the news bureau director for the Kentucky Press Association (KPA). During her time at KPA, she helped launch a high school press association for Kentucky’s high school journalism programs.

Lamb studied journalism at the University of Kentucky. In addition to numerous journalism awards, Lamb received the Department of Corrections Commissioner’s Award in 2015. She is a member of the Kentucky Council on Crime and Delinquency (KCCD) and the Association of Women Executives in Corrections (AWEC), as well as a participant in the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) Communications Directors’ Forum.

**Editor’s note: photo attached**

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