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**KASICH NAMES DUNGEY TO LEAD DEPARTMENT OF JOBS AND FAMILY SERVICES**

COLUMBUS – Today Gov. John R. Kasich named Cynthia Callender Dungey to lead the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. Dungey, who currently serves as chief of staff at the Ohio Department of Medicaid, replaces Michael Colbert who resigned to pursue other opportunities.

“I’m grateful for Michael’s service to Ohio and the Department and wish him and his family well in all of his future endeavors. I look forward to continuing to work with him to advance the policies we’ve started together and make sure Ohio can benefit from his commitment to public service. As Ohio continues to transform the way we help vulnerable Ohioans move up and out of poverty we’re fortunate that an experienced, capable manager like Cynthia will be leading the Department. She has been a steady hand at Medicaid and an essential part of the successful efforts there to improve quality and value, complete complex IT efforts and reform the agency. I’m grateful that she’s accepted this position and am excited about how she will help Ohio further our reform efforts,” said Kasich.

Dungey currently oversees daily operations at the Department of Medicaid, including the agency’s new financial system which manages payments to 70,000 health care providers. She also leads ongoing efforts to improve agency efficiencies and collaborate across state government to reduce costs by sharing services. Dungey has extensive experience combating fraud and waste in Ohio’s Medicaid program and helped lead those efforts in the Auditor of State’s office and Attorney General’s office. She earned her law degree from Ohio Northern University College of Law and her bachelor’s degree from DePauw University.

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) is the cabinet-level state agency responsible for developing and supervising the public assistance, unemployment compensation, child and adult protective services, adoption, child care and child support programs. Across all functions, ODJFS serves more than a half-million Ohioans and supports more than 120 county offices and partner agencies in Ohio’s 88 counties. To learn more, visit <http://jfs.ohio.gov>.

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