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Secretary Newson Announces Michael Greco's Appointment as Administrator, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

MADISON – Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Reggie Newson today announced the appointment of Michael Greco as Administrator of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR).

"Mike has more than 30 years of experience in vocational rehabilitation, ranging from a counselor providing direct services to people with disabilities to senior management positions," Secretary Newson said. "For nearly five months, he has led the division as acting administrator, and I am now pleased to appoint him as administrator and ensure the continued success and advancement of its programs and services."

Greco had been serving as acting administrator since March 16 when former DVR Administrator Charlene Dwyer left to accept a national leadership position with Maximus. During his years with DVR, he has advanced from counselor to supervisor, Chief of the Central Administration Program and Planning Section, District Director, Regional Director and Director of the Bureau of Consumer Services.

As Consumer Services Bureau Director, the position he held prior to becoming acting administrator, Greco had statewide responsibilities for managing and supervising DVR services in Wisconsin's 11 Workforce Development Areas. In that capacity, he led efforts of service Directors and Supervisors, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors and Consumer Case Coordinators providing all consumer services within 33 field based teams.

Greco received a master's degree in counseling psychology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and completed executive leadership certification from the National Rehabilitation Leadership Institute (NRLI). A Certified Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, a licensed Professional Counselor for the State of Wisconsin, he is a frequent contributor to publications in the field of Vocational Rehabilitation.

In 2011, DVR provided services to more than 40,000 people with disabilities. Nearly 3,000 DVR consumers succeeded in gaining employment with projected annual earnings of \$54.5 million, more than double the cost of their services.

Earlier this year, DVR exceeded 1,000 placements in its innovative On-the-Job Training (OJT) Hiring Initiative. The program covers 50 percent of an individual's wages and benefits for up to 90 days when participating employers hire and provide on-the-job training to people with disabilities.

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