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As many of you know, Candy Goehring, Director of Residential Care Services (RCS), is retiring in February. Candy has been serving as the Director of RCS for the last five years. Her commitment to advocating for clients as well as staff is truly admirable and her strong leadership and positive presence will be missed. I sincerely appreciate having had the opportunity to work alongside Candy and wish her well in the next phase of her life.

Knowing the unique challenges of RCS and the necessary skillsets, experience and knowledge that those in a position of leadership need to have, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mike Anbesse as the new RCS Director. Mike holds a Master of Science in Nursing from Phoenix University, a Bachelors of Nursing from the University of Washington and has over 25 years of experience in the health care industry.

Mike has been with the Aging and Long-Term Support Administration (AL TSA) for the past nine years, with his most recent role as the Region 2 Administrator for RCS. In this role he ensured compliance with federal laws, conducted diverse team building with labor relations and built strong relationships with other AL TSA divisions and community based organizations. Mike also spent three years as a Field Manager and one year as a Nursing Home Surveyor with RCS. Prior to coming to AL TSA, Mike worked as a Director of Nursing for Burien Post-Acute Care and as an Assistant Director of Nursing and a Resident Care Manager with Wesley Homes.

Mike has proven to be a strong leader within AL TSA and I am confident in his abilities to direct RCS and support the administration's mission, vision and values that allow us to transform lives. We are all incredibly fortunate to have someone with Mike's experience and knowledge of RCS and health care fill this position. Mike and Candy will work closely to ensure a smooth transition into his new role which begins February 1.

I would like to thank Candy for all she has done for RCS. We all hope you enjoy retirement!

Congratulations Mike!

Sincerely,

Bill Moss
Assistant Secretary
Aging and Long-Term Support Administration

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