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New leader for state-operated treatment programs

Daniel Anderson named DHS health systems chief executive officer

A new leader will oversee the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) health system for mental health and chemical dependency treatment programs Commissioner Lucinda Jesson announced today. Daniel Anderson, a former president and chief operating officer for Fairview Community Health Systems, was named DHS health systems chief executive officer.

Anderson's role will include strategic direction and oversight of 20 mental health and chemical dependency treatment programs across the state, including the Minnesota Security Hospital and Anoka-Metro Regional Treatment Center. More than 3,350 people each year receive services from these programs.

"I'm excited to bring on board someone with Daniel's depth of experience," Jesson said. "His leadership will be invaluable as we work to ensure we're providing the people we serve with the highest quality of care."

Anderson spent more than 30 years as a healthcare administrator in the Fairview system. He will start at DHS in October.