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**City of Milwaukee Health Department Welcomes New Health Operations Administrator**

MILWAUKEE – The City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) is proud to announce and welcome Dr. Jennifer Freiheit as the Health Operations Administrator (HOA) for the department. The HOA is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the department and ensuring that the strategic plan for the department is executed appropriately.

“I’m elated to work with Dr. Freiheit again as she was instrumental to convening public health agencies in southeastern Wisconsin through the lens of emergency preparedness,” said Commissioner Kowalik. “I’m grateful for the ability to select a HOA that is rooted in public health practice, passionate about our community, and capable of rebuilding the department.”

Dr. Freiheit joins MHD after serving as a public health consultant with her own company, Bay View Advanced Management, LLC. She previously served as the Emergency Preparedness & Response Coordinator with the Milwaukee/Waukesha County Public Health Preparedness Consortium. She has worked in state and local public health leadership roles for over 15 years and has worked with MHD in many capacities throughout her career, including during the response to several emergencies such as the H1N1 pandemic.

Dr. Freiheit earned her doctorate in the Department of Administrative Leadership through UWM. She is a Master Certified Health Education Specialist and a Future Milwaukee Leadership Development Program graduate through Marquette University. She also graduated from two other public health leadership institutes, including the Illinois Advanced Executive Public Health Leadership Institute.

Her vision for the immediate future is to work on team development to ensure MHD delivers extraordinary quality service with transparency. She has a deep commitment to impacting public health practices through policy, leadership, and administration with an agenda that includes workforce development and strategic planning.

“While we face many challenges, we also have great opportunity to grow and continue along the positive trends and improvements already implemented,” said Dr. Freiheit. “I look forward to working with those committed to the health of the public, both internal and external to the health department.”

The MHD is thrilled to have Dr. Freiheit join the team.

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