

Illinois Criminal Justice information Authority Welcomes Acting Executive Director Delrice Adams

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CHICAGO— The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) is pleased to announce Delrice Adams has joined the agency as Acting Executive Director. Ms. Adams was nominated by Gov. JB Pritzker to the position and must be confirmed by the Illinois Senate.

Acting Executive Director Adams is a social service and public health administrator with over 25 years of experience in management of non-profits and local government agencies. Her areas of expertise include criminal justice, violence prevention and racial equity. She has a wealth of experience in grant administration, program development, community and stakeholder engagement, and policy and planning implementation.

“I am honored for the opportunity and ready to co-create a vision that advances equity in our criminal justice system, integrates anti-racist frameworks, and brings authentic community voice that translates individuals’ lived experiences into research and policy as we move the needle on meaningful justice reforms across the state,” said Acting Executive Director Adams.

Prior to joining ICJIA, Acting Executive Director Adams served as Executive Director of the Cook County Justice Advisory Council (JAC), where she was responsible for overseeing the public safety agenda for Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle. In that role, Acting Executive Director Adams was tasked with coordinating criminal and juvenile justice reform efforts in Cook County while preserving public safety and promoting fair and equitable access to justice. She also managed the county’s grants for program services to address violence prevention, recidivism reduction and restorative justice.

Prior to serving with the JAC, Acting Executive Director Adams worked for the City of Chicago Department of Public Health Office of Violence Prevention and Behavioral Health. As a Public Health Administrator, she oversaw the Community Development Block Grant portfolio of Restorative Justice and Violence Prevention Initiatives for the office and coordinated multiple community partners and stakeholders as a committee lead for Healthy Chicago 2.0, the city’s five-year strategic plan. Acting Executive Director Adams also served as a Local Office Administrator for the Illinois Department of Human Services, where she developed service delivery strategies and workforce programs to advance welfare reform efforts.

Acting Executive Director Adams is a 2019 Chicago United for Equity fellow. She is a certified Trauma- Informed Trainer (CDPH, 2018). She is also a trained Circle Keeper. Acting Executive Director Adams received a bachelor’s degree in psychology from the University of California at Berkeley and holds a master's degree in social service administration from the University of Chicago.

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