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Montco Fills Two Senior Positions

Norristown, PA (April 7, 2016) – The Montgomery County Commissioners and Salary Board today filled two senior positions with individuals who bring decades of professional experience and accomplishments to those jobs.

Dean J. Dortone was named the county's new Chief Financial Officer (CFO). He replaces Uri Z. Monson, who in February took a similar position with the School District of Philadelphia.

Barbara O'Malley, who has been with the county for 10 years in a series of increasingly responsible positions, was named the director of the county's new Department of Health and Human Services. O'Malley will oversee the process of restructuring the county's human services departments into one department that she will lead. The new Department of Health and Human Services will provide a more coordinated and seamless organization for both the county employees in those departments and the residents they serve. "We are thrilled to have Dean join our team and Barbara to assume these new responsibilities, and we look forward to both contributing greatly to the strong record of accomplishment our administration has compiled over the last four years," said Josh Shapiro, chair of the board of commissioners. "Uri Monson guided us through some incredibly dangerous financial waters over the last four years, and we look forward to Dean taking the helm and keeping us on a course to continued financial stability, efficiency, and transparency."

Commissioner Val Arkoosh, who is also serving as the interim medical director of the county health department, which will become a part of the Department of Health and Human Services, said that O'Malley will not only bring talent and experience to her new job, but also continuity, "which will be extremely important as our departmental staff transitions to the new organizational structure."

“Barbara has an incomparable knowledge of what our departments do and what our residents need due to her time as our Human Services Cabinet Coordinator,” said Arkoosh. “That knowledge taken together with her organizational abilities and inter-personal skills will serve us well as we make this transition to a structure that will improve our planning for and execution of the delivery of human services.”

Commissioner Joe Gale shared his colleagues’ enthusiasm. “Barbara O’Malley’s experience in and dedication to social services combined with her input to the restructuring of the Health and Human Service department make her the most qualified candidate to be the director,” he said. “Dean Dortone’s management experience in the private and public sectors over the past 20 years provide him with a unique set of financial and management skills, and I am confident that his experience in Lower Merion will allow him to take on this expanded role as our new CFO.”

Dortone comes to the county from the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, where he was vice president of finance and chief financial officer since December of 2014. Prior to that position, Dortone spent nearly three decades in municipal and governmental finance positions culminating with a 12-year stint as chief financial officer for Lower Merion Township. He also served five years as controller for ePlus, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of a \$300 million publicly traded technology company.

The Downingtown resident has earned bachelor’s degrees from both West Chester University and Cabrini College. He is the Pennsylvania National Representative to the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada, and is the president-elect of the Government Finance Officers Association of Pennsylvania.

O’Malley has a bachelor’s and a master’s degree in criminal justice from Temple University. She originally joined the county in 1993 as a caseworker in the Office of Children and Youth, while she was working on her master’s degree. In 1997, she joined the county health department as an information management specialist. Since then she has successively earned more responsible positions in the areas of health and human services. Most recently, O’Malley was serving as both Human Services Cabinet Coordinator, a position she assumed in January 2014, and acting director of the county’s Aging and Adult Services Department, a position she assumed in June of 2014.