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Former Senior Director of Policy and Practice, Ann Flagg, Appointed to Biden Administration APHSA Special Statement – July 21, 2022

We are proud to share our former Senior Director of Policy and Practice, Ann Flagg, began a new journey this week as she joined the Biden Administration as Director of the Office of Family Assistance (OFA). An office of the Administration for Children and Families, a division of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, OFA administers federal grant programs that foster family economic security and stability, including the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program and the Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (Tribal TANF) program, Native Employment Works, Healthy Marriage and Responsible Fatherhood grants, Health Profession Opportunity Grants, and Tribal TANF-Child Welfare Coordination grants.

In her five years with the American Public Human Services Association (APHSA), Flagg led the policy and practice supports to state and local public human services agencies across child welfare, child care, economic assistance, workforce and family supporting systems, and agency administration. She led work in designing national peer learning networks, advancing human services policy solutions across state and federal partners, and delivering technical assistance and leadership development support to state and local health and human services administrators. Upon her departure from APHSA, Flagg shared sentiments regarding how lucky she felt to be part of an organization that shares her values of public service and building common ground and is relentless in its work to create equitable pathways for all children, families, and communities to thrive. “Staying true to my commitment to public service, I will be moving into the Administration to accelerate the work we all care so deeply about from a new vantage point,” she added.

While Flagg’s leadership, expertise, passion, drive, and overall commitment to people will be profoundly missed at APHSA, we rest assured that this new opportunity will allow for her to continue furthering these commitments and impacting the field in new, bold ways. APHSA is eternally grateful for Flagg’s contributions and lasting impact on the organization and send our biggest congratulations—we are the lucky ones!

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