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## **Statement on Howard Baldwin as Interim DFPS Commissioner**

(AUSTIN, Texas) — Texas Health and Human Services Executive Commissioner Tom Suhs asked Howard Baldwin to serve as interim commissioner for the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS), succeeding retiring Commissioner Anne Heiligenstein. Center for Public Policy Priorities (CPPP) Executive Director F. Scott McCown made the following comments today.

“Anne Heiligenstein has been a very fine commissioner. She cares about children and families and has worked tirelessly to help them. Anne is a tough act for Howard to follow. I have every confidence, though, that Howard will also be a fine commissioner. I have worked with him several times over the years, and he has the skills and compassion needed to head the department.”

Baldwin is interim executive director of the Texas Department of Rural Affairs. Previous public service includes stints at the Office of Attorney General and as deputy director for Governmental Relations at the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, the same agency as DFPS.

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