



## NEWS RELEASE

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

### Arrowhead Regional Corrections Executive Board Appoints New Executive Director

The Arrowhead Regional Corrections Executive Board is pleased to report that following a rigorous search and candidate selection process, the A.R.C. Board has appointed Becky Pogatchnik to the position of Executive Director.

In this role, Pogatchnik will lead a staff of more than 250 people, and will be responsible for ensuring probation services in Carlton, Cook, Koochiching, Lake, and St. Louis Counties, as well as correctional services at the Arrowhead Juvenile Center and Northeast Regional Corrections Center.

She replaces Wally Kostich who is retiring after 37 years with the agency.

Pogatchnik began her career as a Corrections Agent at the Arrowhead Juvenile Center in 1998. She later served as a Probation Officer in Hibbing and Duluth, a Supervisor at the Arrowhead Juvenile Center and at the Northeast Regional Corrections Center. Since 2016, Pogatchnik has served as Division Director for the Arrowhead Juvenile Center.

A native of the Twin Cities, Pogatchnik earned a bachelor's and master's degree from the University of Minnesota.

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