

Dept. of Health Services: Announces the hire of the Director of the Office of Health Equity

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Dr. Michelle Robinson to serve as the first director of the newly formed office

Today, Governor Tony Evers and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) announced the hiring of Dr. Michelle Robinson as the Director of the [newly formed Office of Health Equity](#). The Office of Health Equity and its dedicated team is attached to the Office of the Secretary and will lead work to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion within the department while also coordinating the development and implementation of policies and programs to address root causes of health inequities.

“Our priority is and always has been to build a state that works for everyone—and the DHS Office of Health Equity is critical to achieving that,” said Gov. Evers. “Dr. Michelle Robinson is a great choice to lead the department’s efforts to improve health and well-being for all Wisconsinites.”

Dr. Michelle Robinson currently serves as the Director of the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) and the Equity and Systems Change Research and Policy Officer (ESCRPO) at the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF). As Director of the OIG, she leads an internal review team providing independent, objective assurance and consulting services to the agency, and as the ESCRPO she provides strategic leadership and direction on internal and external equity and health equity initiatives. In addition to her work with DCF, Dr. Robinson brings a wealth of expertise in the field of health equity and systems changes including from her work

as Vice-Chair for [the Governor's Health Equity Council \(GHEC\)](#) and as a member of the Race to Equity Project at Kids Forward. She will begin her new role with the Office of Health Equity on October 25.