



## **News for Immediate Release**

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### **Laurel Harry Named Superintendent of SCI Camp Hill**

**Harrisburg** – Laurel Harry, a 16-year corrections veteran, has been named superintendent of the State Correctional Institution at Camp Hill, it was announced today.

“Laurel is an extremely dedicated, skilled and organized individual,” Corrections Secretary John Wetzel said. “Her progressively complex corrections background and her day-to-day experiences inside several of our prisons have helped to mold her for this most recent appointment.”

Harry, 40, of Waynesburg, Greene County, will assume the leadership role in the near future. She is the first woman to hold the position of superintendent at this particular prison.

She began her corrections career in 1996 as a full-time psychology intern at the Federal Correctional Institution in Morgantown, W. Va. Later that same year, she became a drug/alcohol case management specialist in Washington County.

In 1999, Harry began her career with the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections as a drug and alcohol treatment specialist at the State Correctional Institution in Waynesburg. Several years later, she was promoted to drug and alcohol treatment specialist supervisor and, for seven months, served as acting unit manager.

She divided her time between SCI Waynesburg, as it was being closed, and SCI Fayette, which recently had opened in Fayette County. In 2004, she was named unit manager at SCIs Greene and Fayette.

In 2008, Harry was named classification and program manager at SCI Camp Hill, a position she held for 16 months before serving as a staff assistant to the deputy secretary for the central region at the department’s Central Office.

For more than a year, Harry served as deputy superintendent for SCI Waynesburg and was responsible for overseeing contract negotiations with property owners as officials were contemplating reopening the facility.

In February 2011, when the decision was made not to reopen SCI Waynesburg, Harry was appointed deputy superintendent for centralized services at SCI Graterford, the position she currently holds.

Harry graduated with honors from West Virginia University at Morgantown, with a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's degree in counseling.

"As you can see from the various jobs she has held in corrections and her educational background, Laurel is a well-rounded and experienced employee," Wetzell said. "I look forward to supporting her in her new role as superintendent of one of our larger state prisons."

As superintendent of SCI Camp Hill, Harry will be responsible for the entire operation of a prison that employs nearly 1,000 individuals, serves as the state's diagnostic and classification center for males entering the state prison system and houses more than 3,600 adult male offenders.

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