

Cowper appoints corrections chief

Gov. Steve Cowper recently announced the appointment of Susan Humphrey-Barnett of Anchorage as commissioner of the Department of Corrections. Humphrey-Barnett, who brings 14 years of corrections experience to the position, is accepting the job for a limited term.

Humphrey-Barnett has a degree in psychology. She worked at McLaughlin Youth Center from 1973 to 1981 and was superintendent of Meadow Creek, the women's corrections facility at Eagle River, from 1981 to 1983.

Since then she has served as director of statewide programs for the Department of Corrections, responsible for all rehabilitation programs, including mental health treatment, halfway houses and education.

She replaces acting commissioner Bill Ladwig. Humphrey-Barnett will serve as commissioner at least through this fiscal year. Her annual salary is about \$69,000.