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I would suggest the e-mail come from Susan. I have provided a draft e-mail below.

Dear Legislators,

I am pleased to introduce DSS's new legislative liaison, Karen Wingo. Prior to joining our agency, Karen was a partner at the law firm of Fisher & Phillips where she practiced labor and employment defense for almost ten years. She received her B.A. in Political Science from Eckerd College and her law degree from the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill. She also has a wealth of experience serving on non-profit and community organization boards and committees, including Girl Scouts of South Carolina, Columbia Society of Human Resources Management, and ACTS Metro. During the interview process, I discovered that one of Karen's best attributes is her sincere desire to serve others. I am thrilled to have someone of Karen's caliber, and I am confident that she will represent our agency well.

Under Karen's leadership, I plan to combine the offices of communications and legislative affairs. This new office will be responsible for overseeing constituent services, media relations and legislative affairs for SCDSS. Marilyn Matheus, current Director of Media Relations/Constituent Services and Pam Bryant, current agency ombudsman, will work in this new office. This new office will work to ensure that all messages from DSS to third parties, including elected officials, staff, media and constituents, are both consistent and timely. William Bray has moved full-time into his role as the Director of Financial Services for the Department, so please update your contact lists and emails to ensure that emails regarding SCDSS are directed to Karen or someone in her office going forward.

Over the next several weeks and months, Karen will schedule meetings with many of you to meet you and to receive input on how DSS can better respond to you and your constituents. In the interim, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Karen's contact information is as follows:

Thanks, Susan