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“One of Gov. Nikki Haley’s most important tasks during her second term will be ensuring that serious problems at the S.C. Department of Social Services are fixed. We hope Susan Alford, her nominee as the agency’s new director, will bring the necessary zeal and leadership to the job. ...”

“Her choice for Koller’s successor appears solid. Alford, who takes over Jan. 5 from acting director Amber Gillum, has been the director of The Girls Center at Clemson University since 2007. The center is a research hub for efforts to prevent at-risk girls from getting into trouble.

“Before that, Alford served at the S.C. Department of Juvenile Justice for 14 years in various directorships. She also served as a director at the state’s probation and parole agency for six years. Her career began as a probation and parole counselor for youth in Lexington County.

“Alford seems to bring ample experience and relevant credentials to her new job. She said in a public statement that she could think of ‘no mission that is more important’ than the one she faces at DSS. ...”

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