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Criminal Justice Council Names Executive Director

WILMINGTON, Del. (Wednesday, July 2, 2014) – Lieutenant Governor Matthew Denn, Chairman, is pleased to announce that the Delaware Criminal Justice Council has unanimously confirmed the appointment of Christian L. Kervick as Executive Director. Mr. Kervick, who had been serving as Acting Executive Director was already leading the statewide criminal justice planning agency after former Director Drewry N. Fennell took a position as policy advisor to Governor Jack Markell in March 2014.

The Delaware Criminal Justice Council is an independent agency committed to leading the criminal justice system through a collaborative approach that calls upon the experience and creativity of the Council, all components of the criminal justice system and the community. As the State Administering Agency, the Criminal Justice Council plans, implements and administers more than \$30 million of state and federal criminal justice dollars.

In announcing the appointment, Lt. Governor Denn stated “Chris Kervick has worked for the CJC for over 16 years, including two stints as Acting Executive Director. During that time, he has gained the confidence and trust of the CJC members, the federal government, and the organizations with whom we work because of his integrity and work ethic. He has been a great steward of the federal grant dollars that the CJC is trusted with. The board members were thrilled to have the opportunity to select him unanimously as Executive Director”

During his career with the Criminal Justice Council, Mr. Kervick has served as Deputy Director under the two previous Executive Directors as well as Acting Executive Director. Among his many roles at the Council he has also served as Director of Programming and Juvenile Justice Specialist. Mr. Kervick is also a member of the Board of Directors of the National Criminal Justice Association and has chaired the Northeast Region of the NCJA for the past three years giving Delaware a voice at the national level of criminal justice policy development.

CJC board Vice Chair, the Honorable Chandlee Johnson Kuhn, Chief Judge of the Family Court, had this to say about Kervick's appointment: "as the Juvenile Justice Specialist Chris was recognized at the National level with the Coalition for Juvenile Justice 2010 Tony Gobar Outstanding National Juvenile Justice Specialist award. Chris' experience and passion for the criminal justice system in Delaware is unparalleled. I look forward to working with him and his team in addressing the serious problems facing our communities, especially in the area of juvenile violence prevention."

On his appointment, Mr. Kervick says: "The criminal justice system is currently facing several complex issues. I am honored to serve as Executive Director of the Criminal Justice Council and look forward to working with our Council to implement effective programs that will improve our system, provide appropriate services to our neighbors in need and to increase the overall safety of the citizen's in our state".

Mr. Kervick holds a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, PA.