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Alice Cobb, Workforce Central Florida's Chief Operating Officer, Resigns

Kevin Neal, the Interim Director of Workforce Central Florida, announced today that Alice Cobb, the last remaining member of Workforce Central Florida's prior senior executive team, has resigned. Mr. Neal thanked Ms. Cobb for her assistance provided to him during the transition period and expressed similar appreciation by the Chairman of the Board, Kevin Shaughnessy. Mr. Shaughnessy and Mr. Neal both noted that Ms. Cobb was well versed in job programs and the organization's operations, but it was necessary to effect a cultural change and to allow a new leadership team to make necessary operational changes. Because Ms. Cobb was intimately involved in every major decision of Workforce Central Florida during the past several years, including the "Cape-A-Bility Campaign" and other decisions questioned by the Governor and regulatory authorities, it was in the best interest of the agency and the people it serves, for Ms. Cobb to resign.

"Workforce Central Florida is on its way to, once again, becoming a reputable, helpful and needed organization in our community. Our employees and our new Board of Directors are rapidly addressing Governor Scott's concerns and developing new policies and procedures to enhance our services and best utilize public funding," said Mr. Neal.

Mr. Shaughnessy added, "Restoring trust in Workforce Central Florida and its critical role in our community is our main focus. Instilling a culture of public service, transparency, and full accountability is the first step in that process."

Workforce Central Florida has taken steps to ensure that the organization continues to provide effective assistance to unemployed individuals and our business partners during this time of transition. To that end, Workforce Central Florida's program managers will meet with Dr. Sandy Shugart, the Chair of the newly-created Program Committee, and Mr. Neal, to institute a self-directed review of Workforce Central Florida's existing programs and to develop metrics or measuring tools to gauge each program's effectiveness, thereby ensuring that all programs provide the best services possible to the jobless and the Central Florida business community.