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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Staff

FROM: Robert Doar

SUBJECT: New Division /s/ RD

DATE: May 9, 2005

I am pleased to announce the creation of a new Division in our agency – the Division of Employment and Transitional Supports. The new Division includes the Bureaus of Transitional Supports, Welfare to Work, Shelter Services, Electronic Benefits along with the programs in the former Temporary Assistance Division.

The productive staff working in these programs will assist me and our agency in the next important phase of welfare reform. Food Stamps, HEAP and SSI remain important supports for working families and for the elderly and disabled. We will do everything we can to reinforce the message—and reality—that cash assistance should be a temporary support only.

I am confident that this new division will help in our efforts to get welfare recipients into jobs and off cash assistance. As you know, Rus Sykes is heading the new Division. Please join me in supporting Rus and his staff in the Division of Employment and Transitional Supports.