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Today, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors announced its appointment of Alex Briscoe as Acting Director of the Alameda County Health Care Services (HCSA), effective July 6, 2009. Mr. Briscoe will replace Dave J. Kears who is retiring after 35 years of distinguished County service. The Board is conducting a national search for a permanent replacement.

Mr. Briscoe joined Alameda County in 2006 as the Children's Services Director for the HCSA and has been serving as Deputy Director since 2007 where he leads the design and development of countywide health services. His most recent projects include clinical service design in foster care and juvenile justice settings as well as the integration of behavioral health practices in primary and specialty care settings. Previous to his employment with Alameda County, Mr. Briscoe worked as a program director and clinician in the division of Adolescent Medicine at Children's Hospital and Research Center at Oakland. Also, Mr. Briscoe's past work includes leadership in school reform and the charter school development, including work with YouthBuild USA, The Corporation for National and Community Service, The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, and The Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Board President Alice Lai-Bitker stated that "Over the years, Alex has worked on various challenging projects and we look forward to continue working with him in his new capacity." Susan S. Muranishi, County Administrator said that "Alex will fill a critical position while the Board conducts a national search and he will continue to work closely with the community, staff and the Board." Mr. Briscoe stated that "There are a wide-array of exciting projects and challenges facing the Health Care Services Agency. I will continue to work collaboratively with the community and County staff to serve our most vulnerable populations."

Alex has a BA in Sociology from Vassar College and a MA degree in Counseling/Psychology from the University of San Francisco.
