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### DHS to Hold Town Hall Meetings

Philadelphia--The Philadelphia Department of Human Services will hold a series of town hall meetings in locations throughout the city during the months of October and November. The meetings will be led by *DHS Commissioner Anne Marie Ambrose*, who will provide information about the status of the Department's reform efforts. *Mayor Michael Nutter* will attend the first town hall meeting to support Commissioner Ambrose and respond to community concerns. In addition, community members will have the opportunity to ask questions and express any concerns or suggestions they might have. Representatives of the Department's Community Action Response Office (CARO) will also be on hand to help address case-specific issues with clients.

"The town hall meetings are an integral part of DHS' ongoing effort to increase Departmental transparency and improve communication with stakeholders and the public," explained Ambrose. "The Department's ability to protect the welfare of vulnerable children is dependent on strong partnerships with providers, advocates, clients and the general public. As we move forward in our reform effort, we welcome the opportunity to keep them apprised and to hear their comments and feedback."

Dates, times and locations for the town hall meetings are as follows:

- Wednesday, October 1, 7:00-9:00pm, Cozen PAL, 732 N. 17<sup>th</sup> Street (19130)
- Thursday, October 16, 7:00-9:00pm, Beloved St. John Baptist Church, 4541 N. Broad Street (19140)

- Thursday, October 30, 7:00-9:00pm, Lenfest PAL, 3890 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street (19140)
- Wednesday, November 12, 6:30-8:30pm, Compassion Community Development Corporation, 6150 Cedar Avenue (19143)

The meetings are free and open to the public. No registration is required. Child care is available, but must be reserved in advance. For more information or to reserve child care, contact Donna Wyche at 215-683-6086.

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