

Michelle L. Bronson's Farewell Message Transcript

Hello Everyone! For those who may not know me, my name is Michelle Bronson, current Executive Director of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Service Center. I have been director for 16 years, as of Feb. 9th, and first joined the agency 29 years ago. The purpose of this vlog is to share that my last day will be June 30th, and I want to be transparent about my personal decision to make such a major decision because of how important DHHSC and our Deaf Community are to me.

The reason for my leaving is because I am ready for a change. I have served as director for a long time and have learned so much on the job. I have developed many new skills as a result, for which I will forever be grateful, and I am excited about doing something new. I also miss being around people so I will be pursuing different opportunities that involve working face to face with people, not just paperwork. I want DHHSC to have a new director with different ideas, energy, and a passion for moving the agency forward to a new chapter.

If you would be interested in applying for the Executive Director position, or know someone who would be good for the role, please contact the board at board@dhhsc.org. DHHSC is a wonderful agency with committed staff and board, and the management team will work with the new director during the transition period. I can personally tell you that our staff is an amazing team of individuals who go above and beyond their duties because they care about the clients and community we serve. I know the next director will be in good hands just as I was when I first became director 16 years ago. DHHSC has been my second home and family for years and will still continue to be part of my life after I leave because we are all part of the Deaf Community.

As I always tell departing staff, DHHSC's "Connect" logo is perfect because no matter where each of us goes, we are always connected, whether within DHHSC or as a community partner because we all work together to serve the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community. Even though I won't be director after June 30th, I will continue to support DHHSC because of the important work the staff does for our community, and I will forever be grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside such amazing people over the years. I also look forward to supporting the next director and seeing what DHHSC does next.

This is not "Goodbye," this is "See you around" and I look forward to seeing you at Deaf events!