



## News Release

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### **City and County Welcome New Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Coordinator**

The City of Eau Claire is pleased to announce, after conducting a nationwide search, that Dr. Jeneise Briggs has been appointed to the position of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) Coordinator for the City of Eau Claire/Eau Claire County. Dr. Briggs has a wealth of career experience creating EDI programs and fostering relationships with underrepresented communities in positions including Senior Assistant to the President for Diversity and Inclusion for Marian University in Fond du Lac, WI from April 2017 – June 2020 where she developed and implemented Marian University’s first strategic plan for diversity and inclusion and strengthened Marian’s image and relationship with over 15 community organizations in the Fond du Lac community. Since August, 2020, Dr. Briggs has served as the Diversity and Inclusion Specialist, Law School Outreach Coordinator, for the State Bar of Wisconsin where her responsibilities included implementing, monitoring progress, and recommending adjustments in connection with the State Bar Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan and related programs.

Dr. Briggs holds a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership, Administration & Policy Analysis from Edgewood College in Madison, WI; a Master’s degree in Public Administration from Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, MI; and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mass Communications/Public Relations from Northern Caribbean University in Mandeville, Jamaica. Dr. Briggs is completing her Human Resources Management Leadership Certificate through the University of Minnesota.

Interim City Manager Dave Solberg said, “I’m very pleased with the results of our recruitment process and excited for Dr. Briggs to join the City. There is much work to be done as we strive to create a more inclusive community and I look forward to learning from and working alongside Jeneise as we move toward our goals. Jeneise will be a wonderful asset to our entire community in serving as the Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Coordinator.”

Dr. Briggs currently lives in DeForest, WI with her husband, Russell, and their daughters, Brittany and Brianna. Dr. Briggs will start in her new position on Monday, May 17th, 2021.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Victoria Seltun, Eau Claire Human Resources Director, at 715-839-4921.

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