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Jenifer Cole is the new Executive Director of the Wisconsin Women's Council, the state's statutory commission on the status of women and girls. Prior to starting the role Fall 2022, Jenifer has held various positions in state government since 2010, including with the Department Workforce Development (DWD), Department of Children and Families (DCF), and the Supreme Court of Wisconsin's Office of Lawyer Regulation and Board of Bar Examiners. She most recently served as DWD's Legislative Advisor for two years after serving as DCF's Deputy Legislative Liaison.

Jenifer has also worked and volunteered for numerous women's organizations in Wisconsin, New York, and California. Of note, she served on the Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Women's Network (WWN) for eight years, including as President from 2016-2017. From 2019-2022, she served as the lead instructor for the WWN's Policy Institute, an intersectional policy advocacy training for women in Wisconsin. Jenifer has a Master's in Public Affairs, with a concentration in Social Justice and Human Rights and graduate certificate in Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York and a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre and Gender Studies from the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, California. In 2021, Jenifer completed the Certified Public Manager program at UW-Madison. She currently calls Middleton her home with her significant other, Amanda, and two adorable rescue Yorkshire terriers, Lili K and Maisie.