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**Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness
Appoints Evonne Klein as Chief Executive Officer;
Sarah Fox promoted to Chief Operating Officer**

After an extensive national search, the Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH) has appointed Evonne Klein to serve as Chief Executive Officer, effective December 6, 2021. Omar Kouatly, President of CCEH's Board of Directors, expressed his appreciation for her decision to step into the role, noting "We have enjoyed a terrific partnership with Evonne, and are very grateful that she has agreed to continue leading the organization into the future."

Since February 2021, Evonne has been serving as Interim CEO at CCEH. Previously, she played a pivotal role as the first Commissioner of Housing for the State of Connecticut, a role she held for six years. Affordable housing is a long running and deep passion of hers. During her tenure the Department had in some phase of construction 24,000 units of housing, of which 22,000 were/are affordable. She is recognized nationally as a leader in housing. In collaboration with CCEH under her administration Connecticut was one of three states to effectively end veteran homelessness and significantly reduce the number of chronically homeless individuals as well as reduce the number of homeless families.

In accepting the CEO position, Klein remarked "My commitment to CCEH has increased over the course of this year, and I am truly excited to be heading into 2022 with a strong mandate from the Board to continue strengthening this organization. On that note, I am delighted to announce that I have offered Sarah Fox the role of Chief Operating Officer and am very grateful that she will begin serving in her new capacity on January 3, 2022."

Sarah Fox previously served as the Director of Policy. She started working at CCEH in 2011 and has extensive experience leading statewide public policy initiatives, building statewide coalitions and cross-system partnerships, and developing housing and services solutions for vulnerable and complex populations. Prior to her current position, Sarah managed statewide advocacy initiatives and advanced community capacity building efforts. Sarah has been instrumental in the development of the nationally lauded statewide system to coordinate access to homeless resources and helped lead CCEH's efforts to end veteran, chronic, and family homelessness. Before joining the CCEH Team, Sarah worked as a family violence victim advocate at Domestic Violence Services of Greater New Haven and as a recovery and

advocacy advisor working with individuals living with chronic mental illness at Fellowship Place, Inc.

The CEO search was conducted with support from NPAG, a national firm that partners with mission-driven clients in the nonprofit and public sectors to deliver deep and successful senior and executive-level searches. NPAG has distinguished itself from its inception as unique in the world of executive search by merging best practices in executive search, organizational strategy, board development, and leadership consulting with transparent project design.

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