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Transition Projects Announces New Leader for Portland Non-Profit *Year-long search culminates in outstanding mission-driven candidate*

July 01, 2022 – PORTLAND, Ore. – The Transition Projects Board of Directors is pleased to announce today that **Joy M. Jones, MSW** has been named as its new President and Chief Executive Officer. She will assume her new duties on August 1, 2022.

The Transition Projects Executive Director Search Committee and Board of Directors worked closely to identify the right candidate and found that Ms. Jones was a highly regarded human service administrator with 30 years of experience. Her expertise serving individuals, youth, families, veterans, refugees, immigrants, and people experiencing homelessness makes her ideal for the executive position. Over the course of her career, she's elevated public/private partnerships, public health, child welfare, and Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) programs, and was responsible for organizational strategy, non-profit and change management, and capacity building.

Ms. Jones will be relocating from California to assume the position. Prior to moving to California in December 2020, she resided in the Atlanta, Georgia area for over 20 years. Ms. Jones – originally from Milwaukee, Wisconsin – attended two Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree at Wilberforce University in Wilberforce, Ohio, and matriculated in graduate study at Clark-Atlanta University earning a Master of Social Work degree in the Whitney M. Young School of Social Work. She is a mother to daughters Dominique and Khalia and grandmother to McKinzie. Ms. Jones shared in a statement, “I exist on the planet for service. The decisions that providers make or do not make in partnership with a participant will impact the trajectory of their life.”



In her previous role as Vice President of Programs at [Abode Services](#) in Northern California she led Permanent Supportive Housing and other housing services as a preferred provider in Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, and San Mateo counties. Ms. Jones managed a multi-million-dollar budget, and in partnership with her dedicated leadership team provided oversight to multiple programs and 200 staff. She was a member of Abode's executive leadership contributing to agency decisions including managing housing programs through the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Jones was instrumental in achieving a 3-year accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), and co-developed the agency's diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) plan. Prior to her tenure at Abode Services, she was a federal consultant for ICF, a global consultant and technology services firm based in Virginia. At ICF, Ms. Jones worked with state human service agencies around the country to build capacity.

Transition Projects engaged the Portland-based national search firm Campbell & Company, a nonprofit consulting agency for this executive search with the intent of finding a candidate that brought a portfolio of the critical work of helping people experiencing homelessness as they transition to permanent housing.

“We are thrilled to welcome Joy to Portland and to the executive position at Transition Projects. We know she’ll be an asset to our community, and to the agency’s team of 330 colleagues performing critically important front-line work with thousands of participants as they guide them on their journey from homelessness to housing.” said Tamara Kennedy-Hill, co-chair of the board of directors.

Stacy Borke, senior director of programs and Tony Bernal, senior director of public policy & funding will continue as interim co-executive directors through July 31.

About Transition Projects: *Transition Projects exists to help those experiencing homelessness transition successfully into housing. With over five decades of experience providing shelter, housing, and supportive services for very low-income people, we are recognized across the region for our work with veterans, women, people with disabilities, and other highly vulnerable groups. Founded in 1969, we operate out of 14 Metro-area locations, enabling our team of over 330 employees to assist 10,000 people each year through programs designed to help people survive the streets, find housing, and retain their housing. In 2021 alone, nearly 1,000 formerly homeless people found safe, affordable housing in the four-county area with our agency’s support. We are also the largest provider of publicly funded shelter services in Oregon. On any given night, we shelter more than 800 people, including individuals, couples, and their pets. Finally, through our Resource Center, we serve 400-500 unique individuals daily, 365 days a year, with services ranging from hygiene and medical support to shelter and housing assistance.*

Our Mission: *Helping people transition from homelessness to housing.*

For 53 years, Transition Projects has provided lifesaving and life-changing services for people experiencing homelessness in Portland, Oregon. For more, visit tprojects.org.

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