

Director's Report

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“A true community is not just about being geographically close to someone or part of the same social web network. It’s about feeling connected and responsible for what happens. Humanity is our ultimate community, and everyone plays a crucial role.” Anonymous

On behalf of the entire OCHN family, I want to congratulate our Board of Director’s on finalizing its three-year contract with our newly selected Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Dana Lasenby. We are elated to have Dana join us and look forward to following her guidance as we navigate OCHN’s future.



Dana is well respected and known throughout our community for her ability to lead and her perpetual drive to put the people we support first, protecting and promoting the services that matter to them most. She is the best choice for this critical community role at this time in our history.

With Dana’s start date approaching, it will soon be time for me to transition back to my official position as Chief Financial Officer at OCHN. While appreciating the experiences I gained as acting CEO, it will be good getting back to my numbers and ensuring funding is available for services to people.

When I accepted the role as interim CEO, it was with the expectation of everyone involved that this was a short-term assignment - maybe three months. And then there was COVID. I am quite sure there is no need for elaboration on its impact to the CEO search process and our network.

Hindsight being what it is, even if I knew COVID-19 was looming, I would again say yes to this request. I would do so with confidence in knowing that I was not alone on this journey. I was supported and embraced by the people we serve, staff, Board members, our provider network, and community partners. Being surrounded by so many incredible individuals inspired me to move forward with credence and purpose.

Thank you doesn't really sound like enough to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you for your partnership over the past seven months. I sincerely hope that I made you proud and that my efforts were worthy of your trust.

Looking forward to staying in touch with everyone, only this time from my familiar seat as CFO.