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AIDS Funding Collaborative announces Julie Patterson as new director **Patterson brings decades of experience fighting HIV/AIDS to position**

CLEVELAND, OH – The Center for Community Solutions is pleased to announce and welcome Julie Patterson as the new director of the AIDS Funding Collaborative (AFC). In her role, Patterson will also serve as a fellow with Community Solutions. Her first day is December 3.

“I am excited for this new chapter for the AIDS Funding Collaborative. It is an opportunity to pursue a new vision while simultaneously maintaining what we know works,” said Patterson. “I feel a deep connection to this community, and I look forward to continuing to serve it.”

Patterson has been active in the fight against AIDS and HIV for more than 25 years, first in Seattle and for the past nearly 20 years in Cleveland. She is a trusted community partner with a commitment to excellence and solution-driven results. Her professional background includes work with AIDS service organizations, in academia, in local public health and consulting.

Patterson also currently serves as the chair of the Case Western Reserve University/University Hospitals AIDS Clinical Trials Unit’s Community Advisory Board; is a member of the City Club of Cleveland Health Committee; and a steering committee member for the Ohio Health Modernization Movement.

“We are excited that Julie has decided to join the AFC. We know that her passion combined with her decades of experience, will be a tremendous asset to the AFC and to the community overall,” said Community Solutions’ President and Executive Director John Corlett.

Patterson was selected by an AIDS Funding Collaborative Search Committee in partnership with Community Solutions. The committee was chaired by Tammie Jones, Project Director for the HIV/AIDS Unit in the City of Cleveland’s Department of Public Health and Ben Miladin, Director of Health and Community Impact at the United Way of Greater Cleveland.

“Julie is a recognized leader in HIV – both in Ohio and beyond. We are thrilled to have her skill and dedication with the AIDS Funding Collaborative,” said Jones.

The AIDS Funding Collaborative (www.AIDSFundingCollaborative.org) strengthens the community’s response to HIV/AIDS as a public/private partnership providing coordination, leadership and funding in Greater Cleveland. The AFC is located within the offices of The Center for Community Solutions.

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