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Community Services Consortium announces new Executive Director

Pegge McGuire has been appointed as Community Services Consortium's (CSC) new Executive Director, following her time as the agency's Deputy Director since 2017. She officially began her new role on May 28, 2021, although she has been Acting Executive Director since May 2019 due to ongoing health concerns and treatments for the agency's previous longtime Executive Director, Martha Lyon.

Pegge's strong leadership, navigating CSC and the communities it serves through the pandemic, wildfires, and more these last couple years has given the agency's boards, staff and partners the utmost respect and confidence in her for this transition.

Pegge has a long history and passion for working on poverty-fighting programs and civil rights in Oregon and Washington, culminating in her leadership at CSC, a Community Action Agency serving Linn, Benton and Lincoln Counties. She is deeply dedicated to the mission and vision of Community Action: helping people, changing lives. Her skills, dedication and experience will be well-served in the community in her new role.

Prior to joining CSC in 2015, Pegge spent ten years as the Executive Director of the Fair Housing Council of Oregon (FHCO) where she provided vision, leadership, and management to the organization, setting and directing operational goals.

Pegge also worked for five years at Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS), where she was the Community Resources Division Manager, providing administrative oversight for the state's anti-poverty and social equity programs.

Pegge worked extensively with the network of statewide community action agencies (the Community Action Partnership of Oregon [CAPO]). She was awarded CAPO's prestigious "Community Action Partnership Award" for her dedication and hard work to fight poverty and provide more equitable access to resources in Oregon.

She has been an expert witness in fair housing litigation, has written and published many articles on fair housing issues, and has provided technical assistance to a number of

municipalities and housing providers to expand equal opportunity access to housing in their communities.

She has conducted training nationally and internationally on housing equity issues, and is the former Chair of the Governor’s Re-entry Housing Task Force and a member of the Veteran’s Reintegration Task Force.

With a Bachelor’s degree in Leadership for Service and Change from Antioch University, Pegge’s education includes training at the Chinook Institute for Civic Leadership, Portland State University, the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, CA and more. Pegge is also an honorably discharged Army veteran. She has devoted her life and career to helping others, improving communities and contributing to true change in poverty, housing, civil rights and so much more.

“I am very excited to continue working with our great team at CSC in this new capacity,” Pegge said. “The staff are passionate and innovative in their approach to achieving the agency’s mission. My predecessor and dear friend, Martha Lyon, is a visionary leader and a master at planting the seeds of creativity for problem solving, and a holistic approach to service delivery. I am looking forward to carrying on Martha’s vision and expanding on it to continue to serve our community.”

To learn more about Community Services Consortium, visit their website <https://communityservices.us>.

