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### **New York Council of Nonprofits Names Megan Allen CEO**

April 12, 2022 – The New York Council of Nonprofits, Inc. (NYCON) Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Megan T. Allen will assume the role of CEO beginning June 6, 2022. Allen is a trusted nonprofit leader of two decades with proven managerial, communications, and team-building skills who specializes in organizational growth. Interim CEO Kelly Mathews, who has been leading NYCON since CEO Doug Sauer retired on January 1, will continue as interim CEO until Allen comes on board.



Allen is widely recognized for her leadership role in development at BOCES where she created and grew a grant-writing service, assisting approximately 40 nonprofits, school districts, BOCES, and municipalities statewide, in realizing more than \$105 million in funding. Allen is also Board Chair of the Capital District Women's Employment and Resource Center, where she has spearheaded several successful initiatives such as introducing a staff evaluation system, creating a formal board nomination process, and facilitating a merger with another nonprofit. Previously, she led the 170-member professional group, Women in Development of Northeastern New York, through the implementation of a strategic plan and successful pursuit of 501(c)6 status. She also led the group's public relations committee. Allen has extensive public relations and development experience, including work for large organizations with budgets of \$100 million.

"Megan Allen was the unanimous choice of the members of our Transition Committee and the members of our Board of Directors," notes NYCON Board Chair Joanne Florino. "She impressed us with her knowledge and enthusiasm, and we are confident that she will continue and grow the services which NYCON provides to New York State's vibrant nonprofit community. Megan will also serve as CEO of BoardStrong, our New York City affiliate, and her own nonprofit board experience will serve her well in promoting the highest standards of board leadership and governance."

"On behalf of the NYCON Board, I extend our thanks to Doug Sauer and Kelly Mathews for ensuring a smooth transition following Doug's retirement, and to the entire NYCON staff for their patience and assistance during the search process. I also want to acknowledge the hard work of the Transition Committee, supported by NYCON staff member Melissa Currado, and the exceptional leadership provided by Paul Spivey and Phillips Oppenheim during this process."

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NYCON and its affiliates work to develop and promote an effective, vibrant charitable community in New York State. With nearly 3,000 nonprofit members, NYCON strengthens the organizational capacity of nonprofits, acts as an advocate and unifying voice, works in partnership with funders to deliver targeted capacity building services, and conducts research to demonstrate the relevance and impact of nonprofits. NYCON provides practical solutions to nonprofit challenges of all kinds. We offer a complete continuum of services through NYCON, BoardStrong, Council Services Plus, and Good Causes. Visit [www.nycon.org](http://www.nycon.org) to learn more.

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