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## **Center for Community Resources Names Brandon Savochka as New Executive Director**

Butler, PA – Center for Community Resources, Inc. (CCR) is pleased to announce that Brandon Savochka has been selected as the new Executive Director, succeeding Beth Gillan, who announced her retirement four months ago after over 17 years of dedicated service. CCR, headquartered in Butler County, has been a vital human services organization since 2002, serving communities across Pennsylvania.

Brandon Savochka brings extensive experience in nonprofit and local government roles. Most recently, he served as the Human Services Director and MH/EI/ID Administrator for the County of Butler, with previous roles as Mental Health Director and Children & Youth Services Casework Manager. Brandon holds a master's degree in counseling from Waynesburg University and a bachelor's degree from Fort Hays State University. A longtime resident of Butler County, Brandon has seen the growth and development of CCR and has been a long-time advocate for human services within the state.

Throughout his career, Brandon has been known for his leadership grounded in relationship-building and advocacy for thoughtful organizational growth. His recent achievements include the development and implementation of several new programs: psychiatric mobile medications, the family connections housing program, a seasonal overnight warming center, expansion of the forensic services program, and an adolescent acute partial program.

Julie Sebock, CCR's Board President, said, "On behalf of the Board of Directors we express our excitement and appreciation for Brandon's new role as our Executive Director. His leadership and connections will further grow CCR. We look forward to this new chapter in CCR as we continue to provide the resources to serve the community's needs with programs and services in 67 counties throughout Pennsylvania. We are proud of CCR and the great team we have had under Beth's leadership and now working with Brandon each day to further our mission, make a difference in everyday lives, and continue being named a Top Workplace in the Pittsburgh Region. Change is not always easy, but we strongly feel that with Brandon this is not a change, but an enhancement to our great work."

Beth Gillan will officially retire from the position on January 31, 2025, and will continue full-time until that date, assisting Brandon as he transitions into his new role. Her leadership has been instrumental in CCR's development, notably her dedication to staff development, which has fostered a culture of excellence and stability which has been recognized as a Top Workplace in the Pittsburgh Region for ten consecutive years. Under her guidance, CCR has

expanded to provide critical services to all 67 counties across Pennsylvania. Beth also led the creation of CCR's three-year strategic plan, laying a strong foundation for Brandon to build upon.

The selection of the new Executive Director followed a rigorous recruitment process. A search committee reviewed over 100 applications, leading to final interviews and presentations with the Board, senior leadership, and the departing Executive Director. Brandon's appointment reflects his strong leadership background and alignment with CCR's mission and strategic goals.

As he steps into this new role in January 2025, Brandon is excited to visit CCR sites across the state and connect with CCR's dedicated staff. He envisions an organization known for its quality services and sustainable growth, working in alignment with the strategic plan established this year.

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