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COMHAR Board of Directors Appoints Trapeta B. Mayson Officially as CEO

Philadelphia, PA – December 17, 2024 – COMHAR Inc. Board of Directors announced that Trapeta B. Mayson has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Office (CEO) of the agency. The Board held an Executive Session, in which they unanimously voted to remove the interim tag from Trapeta B. Mayson and make her the Chief Executive Officer effective December 16, 2024. As an experienced Human Service leader Trapeta's career spans over 25 years across nonprofit, government, and civic sectors. Trapeta's appointment is historic as the first woman and first African American to hold the role of CEO at COMHAR.

Trapeta B Mayson, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, has her B.A at Temple University, M.S.S from Bryn Mawr graduate school of Social Work & Social Research and M.B.A from Villanova University. She started her career with COMHAR as a Division Director and was promoted to Chief Program Officer in 2019. Her continued commitment and hard work have always been a guiding star to COMHAR. She then was promoted to Chief Operating Officer in 2022 and Interim CEO in September 2024 during leadership transition.

Mayson brings a deep commitment to both the organization and the community, underscored by a distinguished career in senior leadership positions across Philadelphia, including Executive Director of Historic Germantown, Vice President of Education and Family Learning at the Please Touch Museum, and Social Work Supervisor at Coatesville VA Medical Center. In addition to her leadership in the nonprofit world, Mayson is an accomplished artist and community arts practitioner. She is the founder of Healing Verse Philly and the Healing Verse Poetry Line and held the honor of being the 2020-2021 Poet Laureate of the City of Philadelphia.

Mayson, a native of Liberia who grew up in North Philadelphia and Germantown, brings a personal commitment to ensuring that everyone who engages with COMHAR's programs receives quality care. "I am dedicated to delivering services through a culturally responsive lens, treating each person with dignity and as an individual—not defined by a diagnosis," said Mayson. "I look forward to building on COMHAR's legacy and fostering a welcoming, inclusive community for all."

Mayson's appointment signals a new chapter for COMHAR, as the organization continues to grow and evolve in its service to individuals and families throughout the region.

About COMHAR:

COMHAR is a 50-year-old community-based organization providing comprehensive mental health, intellectual and developmental disability, and substance use services. Serving over 5,000 individuals monthly across Philadelphia and neighboring counties, COMHAR is dedicated to empowering individuals and enhancing their quality of life through compassionate, culturally responsive care.