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Equinox CEO Retiring & New CEO Appointed

ALBANY, NY—Equinox CEO John Henley has announced his return to retirement on December 1, 2019 after completing his nearly 18-month tenure with the agency. Mr. Henley was appointed as a transitional CEO in July 2018. Under his leadership, Equinox has moved forward with several initiatives, the most notable including:

Development and implementation of a 3-year strategic plan providing vision for the agency; oversight of the development of the Swinburne Project, a new multipurpose facility presently under construction that will house primary and behavioral health services through a partnership with Whitney Young Health; and strengthening of the agency's operational financial position, going from a deficit over several years to a positive year-end in 2018.

"Over the past year, it has been my great pleasure and privilege to serve as CEO to the Equinox Community," comments John Henley. "My motivation for coming out of retirement to accept this transitional post was simple: the incredible mission of Equinox and invaluable service it provides this community. As I re-enter the ranks of the 'retired', I plan to continue to volunteer my time and talents to help serve vulnerable people. That work will certainly include Equinox, in any way they need me."

To continue this positive trajectory, Equinox Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Virginia "Ginger" Golden as the new Chief Executive Officer, effective December 2, 2019.

Ms. Golden comes to Equinox with more than 40 years of healthcare experience, most recently as the President of St. Peter's and Albany Memorial Hospitals. Prior to that, she held various senior leadership positions with St. Peter's Health Partners, including Vice President of Strategic Planning & Chief Integration Officer, and Vice President of Clinical & Corporate Services.

Ms. Golden has served as a key note speaker and community leader for several community initiatives, such as Women@Work Leaders in Healthcare, Treatment & Recovery Works March, fundraising and personal care items drive for domestic violence shelters, and Gifts for Guns, to name a few.

"Ginger brings a deep commitment and passion to the mission of Equinox, as well as decades of experience and expertise that will help us move forward and best serve those who are most in need," said Terri Crowley, Chair of Equinox Board of Directors. "This is bittersweet, however, as we wish John Henley, our current CEO congratulations and good wishes on his upcoming retirement. While John's tenure at Equinox was not long, he has made a profound impact in shaping the future of Equinox. For that, we will be forever grateful."

Equinox is a dynamic human services agency with deep roots in the Capital Region since 1947. With nearly 200 dedicated staff, Equinox provides compassionate services and life-enhancing opportunities annually to more than 5,200 youth and adults affected by: domestic violence, substance abuse & addiction, mental health disorders, homelessness, and the challenges of living amid poverty. Equinox also partners with the community for the Annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner, providing 10,000 meals to our Capital Region neighbors in need. This year marks the 50th Anniversary of this a cherished holiday tradition.

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