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## **CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROGRAM EXECUTIVES NAMES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

### **ROBERT F. LAYNE TAKES THE HELM OF THE GROWING, PREMIER SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER ASSOCIATION**

**Sacramento, CA** - The California Association of Alcohol and Drug Program Executives (CAADPE), an association devoted to advocating for high-quality services to treat substance use disorders and co-occurring mental health disorders and for making these services accessible and available to anyone who seeks help, announces Robert Layne as the new executive director.

Layne, a business-focused executive with experience in the private, nonprofit, and public sectors, most recently served as Senior Advocate, Policy & Legislative Affairs for the California Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies. He succeeds Tyler Rinde.

"CAADPE sees an opportunity to significantly influence the political landscape for providers who offer services to individuals seeking treatment for substance use disorders and co-occurring mental health disorders," Albert M. Senella, CAADPE Board President, said. "We see ourselves at a critical juncture with a long list of new policies and programs being implemented through the new waiver and we welcome Robb to help us lead the way. He is known for bringing an exceptional combination of energy and proven leadership to the type of challenges we face, and we anticipate Robb using his expertise to help expand the Association's reach to more people in need."

As a graduate of the University of California, Davis, Layne has over a decade of experience in the California State Senate and Assembly as legislative and committee staff. Additionally, he has a significant amount of healthcare executive experience during his tenure at Partnership HealthPlan of California and association experience while working at the County Behavioral Health Director's Association and the California Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies. Layne joined CAADPE on July 25.

"We are at the precipice of transforming the landscape of care with the implementation of the CalAIM waiver, payment reform and addressing historic workforce issues," Layne said. "This is an exciting time, and I am grateful to join such a powerful substance use disorder organization that is leading the way to the high-quality care we need. I look forward to working with the larger behavioral health community to help implement Governor Newsom's historic budget and continue our association's critical work done in the past."

#### **About the foundation:**

Established in 1989, CAADPE member agencies now provide substance use disorder treatment services at over 300 sites in California. CAADPE is the ONLY state-wide Association representing all types of substance use disorder treatment programs in California.

*Membership in CAADPE is by agency, and each member agency is represented at CAADPE by their chief executive leader or his/her designee.*

CAADPE is organized by chapters throughout the state and headquartered in Sacramento for easy access to state government. At the state-wide level, a volunteer **board of directors**, elected by the members, guides the Association and its policies on issues vital to its members.

It is through the **committee structure** that CAADPE addresses the needs of the field and identifies the policy issues of the organization. CAADPE members are urged to volunteer their time in their respective areas of expertise. **<http://www.caadpe.org>**

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