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Daniel Malone Steps up to Lead DESC

June 30, 2015 – Seattle, WA – Daniel Malone, a 26 year veteran of DESC, will become the organization's Executive Director effective July 1, 2015.

DESC, Seattle's largest and most comprehensive agency serving chronically homeless adults, announced the selection of Daniel Malone to succeed Bill Hobson as Executive Director following his departure at the end of June. Daniel will be working with the guiding framework of a five-year strategic plan for 2015-2019 and a leadership team with deep experience and knowledge in their respective areas.

Daniel has worked at DESC for 26 years, including as the organization's first Director of Housing Programs and Deputy Director. During that time, he has been involved in all aspects of program development, implementation, operation, and evaluation of DESC's programs. He began his career at DESC as a Jesuit volunteer in the emergency shelter program. Daniel holds a Master of Public Health degree from the University of Washington.

"Daniel knows the organization from the ground up," reported Bryan Friend, Vice President at Union Bank and DESC's Board Chair. "He's a visible and widely respected leader in the community, and is particularly knowledgeable regarding housing and homelessness issues. As board chair, I am thrilled to have someone of Daniel's caliber in charge."

"Leaving this organization is not going to be easy for me but that is soothed a bit by the Board's selection of Daniel as my successor" remarked Bill Hobson, who has been the executive director for almost 30 years. He added, "With Daniel's leadership and, that of a very capable, smart senior director team, the agency is going to be in excellent hands and I'm confident that there are bigger and better accomplishments in DESC's future."

"This is a remarkable, innovative organization," said Malone. "We have a long legacy of success in serving an otherwise shunned or forgotten group of people, and I am so honored to continue building on that work in this new role."

About DESC

The Downtown Emergency Service Center works to end the homelessness of vulnerable people, particularly those living with serious mental or addictive illnesses. Through partnerships and an integrated array of comprehensive services, treatment and housing, we give people the opportunity to reach their highest potential. At DESC, uncommon efforts produce uncommon results that eliminate homelessness, one person at a time.

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