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Community Living Essex County (CLEC) has selected a new Executive Director

The Board of Directors, following an extensive search process, has selected Karen Bolger as the new Executive Director for Community Living Essex County beginning in April 2018. Karen was offered and accepted the position Tuesday afternoon.

Ms. Bolger has been with Community Living Essex County since 1985, working her way up through progressively responsible positions within the agency. Her current position has been as Director of Community Living Operations, a position she has held since 2011.

Karen shared "I'm very excited to be given the incredible opportunity to help lead Community Living Essex County into its next chapter as a very successful and highly innovative organization. We have a fantastic team and it will be my pleasure to work alongside many talented and dedicated people".

Nancy Wallace-Gero, CLEC's current Executive Director, will retire April 13 after a distinguished 32-year career with the agency.

"While we will certainly miss Nancy as she retires, we feel confident that Karen is a great choice to succeed her," said Ron Giofu, President of Community Living Essex County's Board of Directors. "Karen's experience, passion and knowledge of the developmental services sector made her a prime candidate for the Executive Director job and we believe she will do a great job in moving the agency forward." "We look forward to working with her as she begins her new duties," Giofu continued.

Community Living Essex County supports over 700 people who have an intellectual disability. For more information on the agency, visit <u>www.communitylivingessex.org</u>

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