

## News & Events

### An Announcement from the President of the CCARC Board of Directors—*Gregory Stafstrom*

Several months ago Anne Ruwet announced her plan to retire from the role of Chief Executive Officer of CCARC. Over the past 26 years, Anne has provided outstanding leadership rooted in her heartfelt dedication to making this world a better place for people with intellectual disabilities.

In January 2021, CCARC's Board engaged J. Morrissey & Co., an executive search firm, to assist with seeking the best candidates to serve as the next CEO. After meeting with CCARC's stakeholders, creating job specifications and multiple interviews the Executive Committee of the Board made the decision to extend the opportunity to Linda Iovanna.

Linda joins CCARC after serving as President and CEO of MARC Community Resources of Middletown since 2015. She has been responsible for their residential, day, vocational and employment, advocacy, outreach and social/recreational services. Prior to MARC, Linda was the Director of Operations and Development at New Horizons for more than 10 years, a private community for adults with physical disabilities. Linda has earned two MBAs from the University of Connecticut in Health Services Administration and Management, in addition to an undergraduate degree from Fairfield University.

Linda will be assuming the CEO position at CCARC effective August 2. CCARC's Board of Directors is confident that our new CEO has the vision and experience to continue building on the foundation laid nearly 70 years ago by the families, individuals, staff and administration. We remain committed to working together to accomplish great things for people with intellectual disabilities, while assuring the vital continuity of care for our participants.

I look forward to introducing you to Linda in the near future.

Sincerely,



Gregory J. Stafstrom

President, CCARC Board of Directors