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California Consortium for Urban Indian Health Announces Leadership Transition

Sacramento, CA — The Board of Directors of the California Consortium for Urban Indian Health, Inc. (CCUIH) announces that Executive Director Virginia Hedrick, MPH (Yurok) will depart from her role at CCUIH in late November, where she will go on to serve as the CEO of the California Rural Indian Health Board.

Under Virginia's leadership, CCUIH has grown into a recognized voice for Urban Indian Health, advancing equitable access to care, expanding traditional healing services, and strengthening the collective capacity of Urban Indian Health Programs throughout the state. "Virginia has led CCUIH with integrity, courage, and compassion," said Sonya Tetnowski, Board chairperson, "Her dedication to ensuring that Urban Indian communities are seen, resourced, and respected has transformed both the organization and the landscape of Indigenous health policy in California. The Board extends our deepest gratitude for her leadership and wishes her continued success in her next chapter."

As part of this transition, the CCUIH Board of Directors has named Jackie Pierson as the interim Executive Director. Jackie Pierson, MSW, MA (Anishinaabe) has worked for CCUIH for nearly 8 years and has served most recently as Director of Wellness and Healing Programs. CCUIH will be initiating a search for the next Executive Director to continue the organization's vital mission of improving the health of Urban Indian communities. The position will be formally advertised in the coming weeks, and the Board encourages qualified candidates who share CCUIH's values and vision to apply.

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