

Dear Friends,

In June 2022, the Connecticut Oral Health Initiative (COHI) began an Executive Director search to identify the organization's next leader. After an extensive search process led by the Board of Directors, we are excited to announce that Thomas (T.J.) Clarke II is COHI's new Executive Director, starting January 3, 2023.



T.J.'s current position as Executive Director for the CT Rural Water and Wastewater Association, and with over twenty years of experience as a public servant and nonprofit leader, he has distinguished himself as a nationally recognized leader with a strong background in public health, legislative advocacy, public policy, community engagement, and government relations. He has served as the Director of Legislative and Community Engagement at Charter Oak Health Center, the Special Initiatives Coordinator for U.S. Senator Chris S. Murphy, and a member of the Hartford City Council since 2015. T.J. was also instrumental in directing vaccination clinics to help those most in need throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. With a Master's Degree in Business Administration, we are confident that his unique skill set will take COHI to new heights.

T.J. believes in the power of creating healthy communities that improve the quality of life for all. His innovative and collaborative approach centers on building meaningful and strategic multi-sector partnerships to address the inequities that impact underserved communities and produce tangible results to advance health equity.

As a result, we are confident that COHI's success and impact in achieving its **mission and vision** in oral health equity will continue to thrive under his leadership.

We are eager to continue our work with key stakeholders to achieve "oral health for all" and look forward to embarking upon COHI's next chapter under the leadership of T.J. in the new year!

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