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WESTSIDE SELECTS NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

After an intensive search by the Executive Search Committee, the Board of Directors of Westside Community Services, Inc. has selected Dr. Mary Ann Jones as its next Chief Executive Officer, to officially start on September 27, 2010.

As a clinical psychologist with experience providing decisive leadership in community mental health, Dr. Jones has earned a reputation as a pioneer, innovator, educator, and visionary leader in community-based mental health and human services program development.

Dr. Jones's resume is impressive. She brings to the CEO position over twenty years of knowledge and experience as a clinician and administrator in senior management positions. She has provided leadership in multiple service areas in behavioral health, including mental health care, substance abuse treatment, residential treatment services, and HIV-AIDS.

Dr. Jones is no stranger to Westside Community Services. As a former Director of Clinical Services at Westside, she left her imprint on the Westside service delivery system. In addition to her clinical and administrative leadership, she oversaw the development of new programs from conceptualization to implementation; the Jenka Mji HIV-AIDS Family Therapy Program; the Ajani Afro-centric Family Therapy Program, and the Southeast Partnership for Health, Center for Excellence (COE) HIV Services Program. She also developed and implemented the Critical Mass Conductors Program, the first program of its kind funded by the Bay Area Black United Fund.

Dr. Jones's reputation extends beyond San Francisco and the Bay Area. She is known nationally and internationally for her work on cross-cultural health and HIV-AIDS. Her dedication to women's issues such as sexual and domestic violence earned her recognition by Governor Jeb Bush of Florida. She has traveled extensively (Africa, Europe, and the Caribbean) as an evaluator and clinical research consultant.

A native San Franciscan and a long time resident of the Western Addition, Dr. Jones is uniquely qualified to lead Westside in the next phase of its history.

We hope you will join us in welcoming Dr. Jones back to Westside, and we look forward to working together in conquering the challenges and needs of the residents of San Francisco.

Westside Board of Directors