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Rachel Wyley Returns to Peer Health Exchange as Executive Director, Bay Area

November 18, 2019—Oakland— Peer Health Exchange Bay Area welcomed their new Executive Director Rachel Wyley this month. With a deep commitment to health equity, Rachel joined Peer Health Exchange Bay Area with over 15 years of progressive service to youth and families through non-profit community organizations and K-12 public school districts.

Rachel first joined the Peer Health Exchange team in 2014 and served as the Program Director, Bay Area where she managed and developed the Bay Area Program and team. She returns to us from SFJAZZ where she served as Major Gifts Officer at SFJAZZ where she engaged in solicitation of annual Leaders Circle gifts with an emphasis on gifts earmarked to SFJAZZ Education. Prior to SFJAZZ, Rachel served as the Executive Director at Playworks Northern California, a leading national nonprofit leveraging the power of play to bring out the best in every kid. Rachel now oversees the management and growth of the Peer Health Exchange's Bay Area operations and programs, working closely with our board of directors, staff, school and college partners, funders, supporters and community stakeholders.

“It is so wonderful to welcome Rachel back to Peer Health Exchange! Her passion for staff development, social justice, and community building is vital to our organization's success and growth in the Bay Area. I am grateful that we've built an organizational culture that people want to return to.” said Osayuware (Tina) Enagbare, Vice President, Talent and Equity.

Spring 2020 ushers in ambitious goals for Peer Health Exchange Bay Area. Workshops commenced at 11 of our high school partners reaching over 2,200 young people this month.

“As a proud and long-time resident of the Bay Area, I look forward to bringing the work of this essential organization to more young people in more communities,” said Rachel. “I am thrilled at the opportunity to work with the exceptional Bay Area team and to continue to be in service to young people.”

This year alone, Bay Area will engage nearly 800 ninth grade students in tours of their local health centers. These tours help young people deepen their understanding of the content and skills taught in our workshops, and address common questions, concerns or fears they have to accessing health care in their schools or communities.

“We could not be more excited to have Rachel take on the role of the Bay Area Executive Director,” said Emily Gasner Medress, Head of Eternal Affairs. “Her experience, vision, and commitment to the community will be invaluable to Peer Health Exchange now and well into the future.”

About Peer Health Exchange

Peer Health Exchange's mission is to empower young people with the knowledge, skills, and resources to make healthy decisions. We do this by training college students to teach a skills-based health curriculum in under-resourced high schools across the country. Learn more at www.peerhealthexchange.org