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## Community Access National Network Taps Jen Laws as President & CEO

### *HIV-Positive, Transgender Advocate Ushers in New Era*

WASHINGTON, DC (November 17, 2021) – The Community Access National Network, otherwise known as CANN, today announced Jen Laws (*Pronouns: He, Him, His*) would serve as its new President & CEO, effective January 1, 2022. The CANN board of directors voted unanimously to elevate Laws from his current role as the Project Director of the HIV/HCV Co-Infection Watch to the leadership position, whereby he would also serve as an ex-officio member of the organization's board of directors.

CANN's Board President Kathie Hiers summarized: "We are excited about naming Jen as our new President & CEO for many reasons. He is an HIV long-term survivor who understands the importance of the patient perspective. He identifies as transgender, and as such he can relate to many of the challenges faced by marginalized communities. He is an avid, self-described policy geek who can appreciate the nuances of our fragmented public health system. And he values partnerships between patients, community-based organizations, and industry – which has been a cornerstone of the Community Access National Network for the last twenty-five years."

Jen Laws stated: "I'm excited and humbled by the opportunity the board has offered me in leading CANN in its next chapter. While Bill Arnold's legacy cannot be rivaled, I will work to ensure CANN continues to prioritize patient perspectives, advocate for equitable health care and public health policies, and that the organization produces quality work of which our board members, our funders, and our community are proud."

To learn more about CANN, please visit <http://www.tiicann.org>.

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***About the Community Access National Network:*** *The mission of the Community Access National Network (CANN) is to define, promote, and improve access to healthcare services and supports for people living with HIV/AIDS and/or Viral Hepatitis through advocacy, education, and networking. These services must be affordable to the people who need them regardless of insurance status, income, or geographic location.*

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