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Community Access National Network Circulates Values Statement on Transgender Leadership in HIV Advocacy

Urges nonprofit organizations, community partners, and industry partners to embrace "Guiding Principles on Transgender Leadership in HIV Advocacy"

WASHINGTON, DC (March 17, 2022) – The Community Access National Network, otherwise known as CANN, today circulated a <u>call-to-action</u> on promoting transgender leadership in HIV advocacy. It calls on nonprofit organizations, community partners, and industry partners to affirm the human rights of all transgender people in all areas of private and public life, including but not limited to work, housing, health care, family, faith, and education. In addition, **it promotes transgender self-directed advocacy to achieve these human rights**.

Jen Laws, CANN President & CEO, argued: "2022 offers a horrific but robust *trans panic* evidenced by more than 280 proposed state legislative attacks, which often garner much less attention and have fewer remedies than campaigning against legislation or lawsuits. *Now* is the time for HIV advocacy organizations, service providers, and funders to commit themselves to defending and advancing the human rights of transgender people."

To view the Values Statement on Transgender Leadership in HIV Advocacy, visit <u>https://tinyurl.com/ynzj8ra2</u>.

Nonprofit organizations, community partners, and industry partners seeking to endorse the Community Access National Network's Values Statement on Transgender Leadership in HIV Advocacy, please complete the signatory form online at <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XT8LCN7</u>.

For general information, please contact CANN at <u>info@tiicann.org</u>.

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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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