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### New Executive Director Selected

#### **Burlington, VT –**

The Vermont Recovery Network has several exciting changes to reveal. We are thrilled to announce that Gary De Carolis will be our new executive director. Gary comes to this position after serving for nearly 8 years as the executive director of the Turning Point Center of Chittenden County. During his successful tenure he was able to raise funds to purchase a building and build a dynamic set of services and supports for the nearly 2,500 guests that visited the center per month. Eric Maguire, Vermont Recovery Network Board President stated, "Gary is the perfect person for the Vermont Recovery Network at this time. We are in the midst of several changes that will allow us to better support and represent our member recovery centers. Gary's experience is exactly what is needed."

Recently, the State of Vermont has decided to take on some of the work that was historically done by the Vermont Recovery Network. That shift allows the Vermont Recovery Network to more effectually advocate and support its member recovery centers by raising funds for itself and the recovery centers, advocating on their behalf, serving as a clearinghouse of information for its member recovery centers and helping support the incredible work the recovery centers do for all individuals who are in recovery from a substance use disorder.

Another change that reflects the new direction of the Vermont Recovery Network is that as of January 1, 2022, it will be doing business as the *Recovery Partners of Vermont*. Gary De Carolis reflecting on the job ahead said, "It is an honor for me to help support this important organization and its member recovery centers. We are at such a critical time when opioid related deaths are soaring beyond anyone's comprehension and people addicted to alcohol and other drugs are all on the uptick. Anything I can do to help support these amazing recovery centers and their dedicated employees is job one for me."

*The Vermont Recovery Network d/b/a Recovery Partners of Vermont is dedicated to supporting its member recovery centers in providing services and supports to all those who are affected by a substance use disorder. To learn more, please visit the website at: [www.vtrecoverynetwork.org](http://www.vtrecoverynetwork.org).*