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W. MICHAEL LEE NAMED PRESIDENT/CEO OF RESPONSIVE CAREGIVERS OF HAWAI'I

HONOLULU – W. Michael Lee, an executive transition management consultant, has been named President/CEO of Responsive Caregivers of Hawai'i (RCH), where he has served as interim executive director since 2014. RCH is a nonprofit organization that has provided adult day health and residential services for adults with developmental disabilities for the past 40 years.

During his time as interim director of RCH, Lee led a successful financial turnaround and achieved the organization's first operating surplus since 2010, secured a \$10,000 grant from the Harry and Jeannette Weinberg Foundation and positioned the organization for \$356,000 in programmatic grants.

"I've become enamored with the mission of RCH and serving people with developmental and intellectual disabilities. It is a true honor and a privilege to be able to make a difference in the daily lives of people not with disabilities but rather, people with unique gifts and abilities," Lee said.

Lee has more than 30 years of experience as a chief executive and executive transition management consultant both in Hawai'i and on the mainland, building public-private partnerships, high-performing management teams and improving financial performance for community-benefit organizations.

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“As a consultant, Mike gave us a fresh perspective about our organization, breathing new life into the organization’s mission and operations,” said Tami Ho, chair of RCH’s board of directors. “With the impending shift of our industry to facilitate greater client independence, participant-centered choice and community integration, Mike’s expertise will be invaluable as we usher in a new and exciting chapter in our history.”

Prior to joining RCH, he held positions at the Hawai'i Conservation Alliance and Foundation, the Waikīkī Community Center, the Hawai'i Nature Center and the Hawai'i Community Foundation. As Director of Community Programs for the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, he oversaw its volunteer, educational and community engagement initiatives. Previously, Lee held instructional, directorship and CEO roles for the Yosemite National Institutes (now “Nature Bridge”) where his leadership contributed to the expansion of private educational institutes in Yosemite, Golden Gate and Olympic national parks. Lee is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley.

About Responsive Caregivers of Hawaii

Responsive Caregivers of Hawai'i has served the mission of helping individuals with developmental and physical disabilities achieve lives of independence, choice and community integration since 1975. For more information about Responsive Caregivers of Hawaii, please call (808) 488-7391 or visit www.rcoh.org.

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