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CFI's LeighAnn Hanrahan Appointed to State Rehabilitation Council

MILWAUKEE, WI, (July 28, 2026)—Governor Tony Evers has appointed LeighAnn Hanrahan, Chief People Officer at Centers for Independence (CFI), to the Wisconsin State Rehabilitation Council. Hanrahan will serve a three-year term helping guide statewide efforts to expand employment opportunities, independence and quality of life for people with disabilities.

The appointment reflects Hanrahan's extensive experience in workforce strategy and her commitment to creating equitable pathways to employment. As Chief People Officer at CFI, a leading provider of services supporting people with disabilities and behavioral health needs, she oversees organizational workforce planning, talent development, employee engagement and culture initiatives that help strengthen the organization's mission-driven workforce.

With more than 25 years of human resources leadership experience, Hanrahan has built expertise in workforce strategy, labor relations, talent acquisition and organizational development. Throughout her career, she has championed inclusive workplace practices and initiatives that promote career growth and long-term employment success.

The Wisconsin State Rehabilitation Council works in partnership with the Wisconsin Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to evaluate and improve programs and services that help individuals with disabilities prepare for, obtain and maintain meaningful employment. Hanrahan's experience developing inclusive workforce strategies will bring valuable perspective to the council's work.

"LeighAnn's appointment is a tremendous honor for both her and our organization," said Heidi Chada, President and CEO of Centers for Independence. "Her passion for creating opportunities, building inclusive workplaces and helping individuals achieve their full potential aligns closely with CFI's mission. We are proud to see her expertise recognized at the state level and know she will make an important contribution to advancing employment opportunities for Wisconsinites with disabilities."

"I look forward to working with LeighAnn to find innovative ways of delivering services and implementing positive change for the people of our state," said Governor Evers.

"I am honored to contribute to the council's important work advancing employment opportunities and services for people with disabilities," said Hanrahan. "Meaningful employment creates opportunities for independence, connection and personal growth. Throughout my career, I have seen firsthand the transformative impact that work can have on

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independence, well-being and quality of life. I look forward to collaborating with fellow council members to help expand opportunities for people across Wisconsin."

Hanrahan's appointment further strengthens CFI's commitment to advancing inclusion, independence and workforce participation for people with disabilities throughout Wisconsin.

About Centers for Independence

Centers for Independence (CFI) is a Milwaukee-based nonprofit dedicated to supporting people with disabilities and behavioral health needs through innovative, person-centered programs. Since 1938, CFI has been a leader trauma-informed care, self-direction and removing barriers to help individuals achieve total health and greater independence. Visit cfihope.org to learn more.

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