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The Institutes of Applied Human Dynamics (IAHD)

appoints new chairPERSON and

welcomes newest BOARD members

**Current Board Chairperson retires after 29 years of leadership**

**Tarrytown, NY, December 18, 2020** – IAHD appoints Matthew Kiamie as Chairperson of the Board of Directors effective, November 1, 2020. Mr. Kiamie succeeds Mary K. St. Mark in her role of Chairperson of IAHD’s Board, as she steps down from the role after 29 years of service and leadership. Mr. Kiamie previously served on the Board as the 2nd Vice Chair.

IAHD’s commitment to ensuring families have a voice in the direction of the not-for-profit organization continues as it welcomes three new members to its Board of Directors:

**Gloria Womack** – IAHD remains committed to ensuring 51% of the Board of Directors is related to someone with I/DD and proudly welcomes Gloria Womack (Parent-Advocate) whose son has been a participant of IAHD’s day habilitation program for over 10 years.

**Doris Figueroa** – Doris Figueroa has worked in the field of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) for more than 30 years and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to IAHD’s core leadership.

**John Carpenter -** John Carpenter is a self-advocate who has received supports from IAHD for more than 10 years. He is the first member of the Board of Directors who represents people with I/DD. As a member of IAHD’s Self-Advocacy group, the “IAHD Champions,” Mr. Carpenter’s long-time goal was to one day be a part of the leadership of IAHD.

*“I am grateful to have such an engaged and supportive board who is passionate about the work we do at IAHD. I appreciate Ms. St. Mark’s decades of leadership and advocacy as it has paved the way for the future of IAHD. I look forward to working more closely with Mr. Kiamie as we advance our mission and am pleased with the new members joining our IAHD family,” says Omayra Andino, CEO*

*“It is an honor to serve as Board Chairperson of IAHD.  I appreciate the many years of Mary St. Mark’s dedicated leadership in committing to successfully advance our mission.  I am excited to build on the progress and work together with Ms. Andino as well as our newest members, as we endeavor to continue to provide the highest quality services to individuals and their families,” added Matthew Kiamie, Board Chairperson.*

IAHD is a not-for-profit organization that provides a myriad of services and supports to more than 750 people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities throughout the Bronx and Westchester Counties.

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