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New Executive Director, Grant Manager for the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council

Sacramento – The Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC) has a new Executive Officer and a new Grant Manager.

Ginny Puddefoot of Davis has been named Executive Director of HCFC. Puddefoot has been an Assistant Deputy Director in the California Department of Housing and Community Development's Division of Financial Assistance since 2017. She served as the Federal Legislative Coordinator for the California Department of Social Services from 2015-2017, and was a Program Director with the Children's Partnership from 2012-2014. She also spent 10 years in a senior research and policy position with the California Research Bureau, where she founded and directed the California Homeless Youth Project. Puddefoot has a Master of Public Health and a Master of Public Policy from the University of California, Berkeley.

Monique Pierre has been named Grant Manager of HCFC. Pierre has been a manager of the California Department of Housing and Community Development's No Place Like Home program since December 2016. Prior to that, she was a management analyst with the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency from 2014-2016, and a Community Development Manager in Kent County Michigan from 2008-2014. Pierre has a BA in Social Science from Michigan State University. In all, she has 21 years' worth of experience in housing, including public housing, non-profit and municipal service.

"Ginny and Monique will be valuable additions to the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council in its work to reduce and prevent homelessness," said Alexis Podesta, Secretary of the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency. "Their experience in housing and homeless issues enables them to immediately begin tackling the council's work."

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The Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council was created in 2017 to oversee the implementation of “Housing First” policies, guidelines and regulations to reduce the prevalence and duration of homelessness in California. On July 1, 2018 the council was expanded and moved to the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency, and provided with staff to evaluate grant proposals. Currently, the council is working to provide \$500 million in one-time funding for emergency aid to enable local governments to respond to homelessness.

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