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RIPL Announces New Executive Leadership

PROVIDENCE, RI — Research Improving People's Lives (RIPL) announced today that it is excited to welcome Mintaka Angell, the organization's current Chief Operating Officer, to the role of Chief Executive Officer beginning July 15, 2023.

"The work ahead of RIPL is as exciting as it is important, and no one is more ready lead it than Mintaka. She knows the organization inside out, understand the needs of our stakeholders and partners, and is relentless about innovation. I am thrilled she has agreed to step into the CEO role," said RIPL Board Chair, Dr. Justine Hastings.

Mintaka has been a member of the RIPL team since the organization's inception in 2015, and originally joined the organization as a Data-Driven Policy Intern. Since then, she has run the organization's policy and project management functions as a Research Manager, the Director of Policy and Communications, and most recently as its Chief Operating Officer. Mintaka was integral to RIPL and the State of Rhode Island's work to make Rhode Island the first in the country to deliver Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits during the pandemic. She has been an instrumental leader through RIPL's rapid growth to serve eight states seeking to innovate and improve public policy with science and technology.

"RIPL is distinctive in its ability to bring policy, technology, data, and scientific expertise to bear against numerous public challenges on both a state and national level," said Ambassador Suzan 'Suzi' LeVine, a member of the RIPL Board. "I look forward to working with Mintaka and the outstanding RIPL team to continue putting public data to work to better meet the needs of communities and government across the country."

"RIPL is fortunate to have remarkable leaders on our Board; outstanding state and public sector partners across the country; and a skilled, passionate team ready to solve pressing challenges every day," said Mintaka Angell, RIPL's new CEO. "I have devoted my career to RIPL's mission — and I am honored to lead the organization to continue growing our impact."

Mintaka is joined in her role by new Chief Technology Officer Judson Neer and Chief Operating Officer Abby McQuade. Jud joined RIPL as its first Chief Technology Officer in April 2023. Prior to joining RIPL, Jud was a leader in engineering and consulting at the Amazon Web Services Professional Services division, where he worked with RIPL and Rhode Island to engineer the state's cloud-based approach to successfully delivering needed services and benefits during the pandemic. Jud brings decades of experience in software engineering, development, and leadership to RIPL.

Abby McQuade, RIPL's current Director of Solutions, will become RIPL's new Chief Operating Officer. Abby is a budget and finance expert, with decades of experience in both the private sector and government. She established RIPL's Solutions Team in early 2022 and has built several important strategic partnerships for RIPL, including developing a best-in-class modernized Prevailing Wage system in New Jersey.

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