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**APHSA Appoints Chairs of Executive Governing Board and National Council of Local Human Services Administrators**

*David A. Hansell, Commissioner, New York City Administration for Children's Services named Board Chair and Rodney Adams, Director, Mecklenburg County (NC) Department of Community Resources named Local Chair*

**Washington, D.C.** – The American Public Human Services Association (APHSA) has announced the appointment of new Chairs for both their Executive Governing Board and National Council of Local Human Services Administrators (Local Council).

The Board, now led by David A. Hansell, Commissioner of New York City's Administration for Children's Services, is responsible for setting the overall strategic direction of the Association including the approval of association-wide priorities and objectives and overseeing operations. The Board includes state and local chief executives as well as appointed members from other sectors, including private businesses and non-profit organizations. Hansell himself has worked at the national, state, and local levels in child welfare and social services, including prior service in the New York City government in the Department of Health and the Human Resources Administration, in addition to experience in the non-profit and private sectors—most recently as Managing Director and head of the Global Human and Social Services Center of Excellence at KPMG. He has also served as Commissioner of the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance and Acting Assistant Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families.

"The American Public Human Services Association is the backbone of the human service sector across the country, and as someone who has worked in the social services field for my entire career, it is an honor to serve as Chair of the Executive Governing Board," said Hansell. "As Commissioner of the New York City Administration for Children's Services, I am proud of the innovations we're spearheading to strengthen and support families. I know how important it is for leaders to share these innovations with each other and to infuse them into the association's strategic blueprint for health and human services agencies. I am confident that by working with colleagues across the country, we'll be able to make a positive difference in the lives of children and families."

The Local Council, now led by Rodney Adams, Director of Mecklenburg County's (NC) Department of Community Resources, contributes to APHSA's national policy and practice agenda, leading field demonstrations of effective and transformative practice and providing input to national policymakers from the local perspective. As Local Council Chair, Director Adams will also serve alongside Commissioner Hansell on APHSA's Executive Governing Board as the Local Council Representative. Adams brings over 30 years of

experience in human services to APHSA, previously serving as a Social Services Department Deputy Director, Support Services Director, Aging Services Director, and Economic Services Director.

“The ability to partner and work with a group of national thought leaders who are creating new approaches to address long-standing systemic problems is an honor, as well as the opportunity to build relationships with well-respected leaders such as Commissioner Hansell,” said Adams. “I am especially thankful for Tracy and the team at APHSA for their insight, engagement, and leadership in convening discussions and crafting solutions with leaders of various systems. Their work has been instrumental in effecting change at all levels of government throughout our nation.”

With the guidance and support of both Hansell and Adams, as well as those who make up the rest of the association’s committees, councils, and affinity groups, APHSA is generating solutions for both current challenges and the future to advance the well-being of all people. “We are honored and humbled by David and Rodney’s willingness to help APHSA deliver on our mission, especially during these challenging times as a nation,” shared Tracy Wareing Evans, APHSA President and CEO. “The compassion and experience they bring to the table will benefit us all and we look forward to advancing our collective work through their leadership.”

Additional information about APHSA leadership can be viewed [here](#).

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The American Public Human Services Association (APHSA) is a bipartisan, nonprofit membership organization representing state and local health and human service agencies through their top-level leadership. Through a member network and three national Collaborative Centers, APHSA seeks to influence modern policies and practices that support the health and well-being of all children and families and that lead to stronger communities. APHSA connects its members to national policymakers and human-serving organizations across a wide circle of stakeholders in the health and human services sector, as well as key partners in education, housing, employment, and others. APHSA also helps members build more capacity for their teams through access to professional education and development conferences, technical expertise, publications, and their Organizational Effectiveness practice. To learn more about APHSA, please visit [www.aphsa.org](http://www.aphsa.org).