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Hollis Martens to be hired as first Executive Director of Canal Dock

Canal Dock has completed a thorough search process using a dedicated external committee to review applications from the Greater New Haven Area and as far away as Oregon and Washington state. Finalists were advanced to the board of directors for subsequent interviews and evaluation, which was followed by a vote selecting the top candidate.

New Haven, Connecticut (December 19, 2019) – Hollis Martens has been selected to become the first executive director of Canal Dock Boathouse, Inc., the non-profit organization created for the purpose of operating the Canal Dock Boathouse on Long Wharf Drive. Hollis is a life-long New Haven resident, attended Sacred Heart Academy in Hamden, and then Southern Connecticut State University, where she holds a B.S. in political science and is working towards an M.S. With respect to her “love for the City of New Haven” and “passion to enhance programs and opportunities to serve fellow residents,” Hollis told the Canal Dock board that “my passion for watersports ... has shown me how activities centered in and around the water can be a transformative experience.”

Currently, Hollis is the Director of Youth Development at LifeBridge Community Services in Bridgeport, where she is accountable for the simultaneous programmatic and fiscal oversight of numerous programs, from the “Pathways to Justice Careers Program” funded by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) to the “WorkSkills Occupational Skills Training Programs” funded by the Regional Workforce Development Board.

The board of directors at Canal Dock is enthusiastic about the non-profit experience and leadership skills that Hollis brings to her new position as Executive Director. References have described Hollis as an “...extremely dedicated, committed and passionate advocate in improving the lives of young adults...,” and Hollis “...has proven herself a an innovative thinking and thought leader...,” and last, “...her work has often been the subject of praise from her peers.”

About Canal Dock Boathouse, Inc. (“Canal Dock”)

Canal Dock is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that operates the Canal Dock Boathouse at 475 Long Wharf Drive in New Haven, CT. Canal Dock runs a community-oriented waterfront boating center that supports paddling and rowing activities, hosts private and public events, and will soon offer environmental education programs through a partnership with the University of New Haven. For more information about Canal Dock please visit: www.canaldock.org or www.facebook.com/CanalDock