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## Callen-Lorde Community Health Center Announces LGBTQ+ Healthcare Leader Patrick McGovern as CEO

*Known as a community builder, mentor and healthcare operations expert, McGovern has led teams at Harlem United, Gilead and Amida Care*

NEW YORK (June 9, 2023)--Today Callen-Lorde's Board of Directors [announced Patrick McGovern](#), an HIV, LGBTQ+ and community health veteran, as the health center's next CEO.

"Patrick's years of advocacy for LGBTQ+ people and people living with HIV has already helped Callen-Lorde's patients and advanced health equity and justice for our communities. His strategic vision and tactical experience have helped organizations grow their impact and their revenue," said **Lanita Ward-Jones, Board Chair for Callen-Lorde**. "Patrick has worked in partnership with LGBTQ+ and Black and Brown community leaders across the city for many years and has a deep understanding of and commitment to meeting the needs of our patients. I'm so excited for Callen-Lorde's next chapter."

"I'm so excited to be joining the Callen-Lorde team. My whole career has been dedicated to providing equitable care for those who mainstream healthcare systems neglect to understand. As a gay man, I know that the LGBTQ+ people and people living with HIV know best how to take care of ourselves," said **Patrick McGovern, Incoming CEO of Callen-Lorde**. "Callen-Lorde's patients are our North Star--the whole organization's mission is dedicated to providing care by experts leading the field of LGBTQ+ and HIV healthcare. The potential to reach even more members of our community who need us is enormous. One of the things I look forward to working on with staff is expanding our access to the lifesaving work Callen-Lorde provides."

Most recently McGovern was the Chief Operations and Strategy Officer at Amida Care, a nonprofit community health plan serving people living with HIV/AIDS; people who are experiencing homelessness and people of transgender experience, regardless of HIV status. McGovern helped to found Amida Care in his role as CEO at Harlem United Community AIDS Center from 1999-2010. Between his time at Harlem United and Amida Care, McGovern was Vice President of Government Affairs at Gilead where his vision was to promote broad access to HIV testing nationwide.

"I worked with Patrick McGovern for 11 years at Harlem United Community AIDS Center. Patrick is a purpose-driven leader with a proven track record in assessing the needs of an organization and identifying the strategic opportunities that allows the organization to reach its full potential and better impact the communities it serves," said **Soraya Elcock, Chief Strategy Officer at the Hetrick Martin Institute**. "Patrick sets a vision and direction for an organization that takes into account the impact of the broader health care system, political climate, key partnerships, client needs and organizational sustainability. Having experienced Patrick's dedication and passion, his belief in partnering with staff, his leadership, and his commitment to healthcare—I am excited for the future of Callen-Lorde and look forward to continuing to work with Callen-Lorde and Patrick to support the healthcare needs of the LGBTQIA+ youth at HMI."

"Patrick McGovern taught me everything I know about being a leader and how to share power and decision-making with staff. He will use data and update models of care while at the same time nurture staff and work to treat every client with dignity—I saw him do all of those things at Harlem United," said **Kelsey Louie, CEO of The Door and Broome Street Academy**. "With the changes to the 340B program and the political attacks on the LGBTQ+ community, Patrick is the leader Callen-Lorde needs right now which is why I'm really excited for Callen-Lorde's future."

McGovern's first day will be August 1.

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Callen-Lorde is the global leader in LGBTQ+ health care. Since the days of Stonewall, we have been transforming lives in LGBTQ+ communities through excellent comprehensive care, provided free of judgment and regardless of ability to pay. In addition, we continuously pioneer research, advocacy and education to drive positive change for LGBTQ+ people, because we believe healthcare is a human right. To learn more about Callen-Lorde, please visit [callen-lorde.org](http://callen-lorde.org)