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## **Northern Illinois Recovery Announces Appointment of Nick Howell as Executive Director**

**CRYSTAL LAKE, Ill (March 8, 2021)** – [Northern Illinois Recovery](#) today announced the appointment of Nick Howell to the newly-created position of executive director. Howell will oversee all aspects of the treatment facility's day-to-day business operations, including strategic planning, corporate and business development, financial management, and program compliance. The position is effective immediately.

"We are thrilled to have Nick join the Northern Illinois Recovery team," said Chief Executive Officer Jonathan P. De Carlo, CAS. "His integrity, leadership acumen, and experience in advancing organizational innovation are a vital part of the continued growth and success of NIR's service to our clients, families, referents and surrounding community."

"Nick's years of healthcare leadership experience will be a strong asset in growing the NIR behavioral health network of services," added Chris Reed, owner & managing partner. "Bringing Nick to the team is undoubtedly a win for both our clients and our staff. We couldn't be happier to welcome someone as well respected and grounded as he is to the NIR family."

Howell joins NIR from OSF HealthCare where he served in a regional leadership role overseeing performance improvement operations for five hospitals, and supporting the development and advancement of innovations operations. His expertise includes quality, financial and operational improvement, as well as strategic planning and implementation. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration and financial economics from Eureka College.

"I am proud to be part of such an innovative organization that continuously works to improve the lives of clients and supports our community in treating addiction," said Howell. "It is abundantly clear that Northern Illinois Recovery is passionate about the care they are providing to empower clients and families to establish lasting recovery. I look forward to supporting this mission, and collaborating with the NIR team to provide purposeful, integrative behavioral health services in northern Illinois."

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### **About Northern Illinois Recovery**

Founded by those in recovery themselves, [Northern Illinois Recovery](#) offers scientifically-sound approaches to addiction recovery and provides evidence-based treatment for all types of substance abuse disorders. NIR's therapy and treatment are backed by years of scientific research to give clients the best options available so that they can overcome their dependency on drugs and alcohol.