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## **Rural Health Network of SCNY Transitions Leadership**

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The Rural Health Network of SCNY is announcing an important transition in leadership as their Executive Director, Mark Bordeau, has accepted a new opportunity as President and CEO for the Food Bank of the Southern Tier. Rural Health Network expresses deep appreciation for the contributions of Mark Bordeau and remains committed to advancing the health and well-being of rural people and communities it serves.

Under the visionary leadership of Mark Bordeau, the Rural Health Network has achieved remarkable milestones, making a lasting impact on communities across the region. Through Mark Bordeau's dedication and collaborative approach, Rural Health Network has strengthened its position as a leader in the field, creating positive change for individuals in rural communities.

"It is with mixed emotions that we bid farewell to Mark Bordeau, who has been instrumental in shaping the Rural Health Network's current success," said Rick Boland, Board President. "His unwavering commitment and transformative leadership have been invaluable, and we express our deepest gratitude for his contributions."

As Rural Health Network enters this transition period, the organization remains steadfast in its mission and committed to maintaining the continuity of its programs and services. The Board of Directors has initiated a comprehensive and thoughtful transition process, which includes the establishment of a Transition Committee responsible for the recruitment and selection of a new Executive Director. A full position description is available at <https://rhnscny.org/get-involved/#employment>.

The Rural Health Network Board is confident in the capabilities of its dedicated leadership team and staff to ensure a seamless leadership transition and continued impact. "We assure our valued partners and funders that the Rural Health Network's commitment to our shared vision remains unwavering," emphasized Rick Boland. "We are grateful for the trust and support we have received, and we will continue to work collaboratively to make a positive difference in the lives of those we serve."

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Mark Bordeau's last day at RHN will be August 4, 2023. Rural Health Network will provide updates on the progress of the leadership transition and welcomes ongoing collaboration with partners and funders. Together, Rural Health Network and its stakeholders will strive to advance the organization's mission and address the unique healthcare needs of rural communities.

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*Rural Health Network of SCNY, Inc. was established in 1998 to advance the health and well-being of rural people and communities. The Network's expertise in rural issues, access to health services, chronic disease management, and programs addressing transportation barriers, food security, and aging, are widely recognized in the region.*