



North East Community Center Announces Engagement of Interim Executive Director

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Millerton, NY – The North East Community Center (NECC) announced today that Jennifer Dowley, a resident of the Town of North East, will serve as NECC Interim Executive Director for the coming months until a permanent Executive Director has been recruited. Dowley will begin her tenure on January 9, 2018.

Jenny Hansell is stepping down after serving 17 years as Executive Director on January 19th, and will assume the position of Executive Director for the Berkshire Natural Resources Council in Pittsfield, MA.

Christine Bates, Chair of the NECC Board of Directors, stated “NECC is extremely fortunate to have the opportunity to work with Dowley, given her long and respected experience with nonprofits around the country, most recently as President for nearly two decades of the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation. During that time, she grew the Foundation into a major philanthropic force in the region. NECC looks forward to working with Jennifer in the coming months while a search committee recruits a permanent Executive Director.

Dowley, who will be leading the organization commented, “I very much look forward to the opportunity to work closely with the board, staff, supporters and constituents of this extremely important, regional organization in our community. I am committed to ensuring the continuing success of NECC’s programs and a successful transition to the next Executive Director.”

The North East Community Center (NECC) was created in 1990 with the initial mission of providing constructive activities for children and teenagers outside of school time. Since then, the organization has grown steadily in response to our rural community’s deep need for human services. NECC now provides programs for residents of all ages and backgrounds, focusing on low-income families, children and teenagers, senior citizens, and recent immigrants. Our many activities include family support groups, an after-school program for grades K-8 in the Webutuck district, work-skills training and leadership opportunities for teenagers, Dial-a-Ride and Care Car transportation, client advocacy, free income tax filing, the Millerton Farmers Market and food-access programs, and community events like Spring for Sound. Our service area has expanded from the immediate Millerton area to include six towns in northeastern Dutchess County: North East, Amenia, Dover, Pine Plains, Washington, and Stanford. Residents of the northwestern Connecticut corner participate in many of our programs and activities as well.