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Denise Pioli Named Chief Services Officer for Via of the Lehigh Valley

BETHLEHEM, PA (January 23, 2024) – Via of the Lehigh Valley is pleased to announce the promotion of Denise Pioli to Chief Services Officer.

As CSO, Pioli will play a pivotal role in shaping the future of Via's disability services initiative. Her wealth of experience, strategic vision, and collaborative approach will contribute to the continued success and growth of the services Via provides to our community.

"Denise has consistently demonstrated exceptional leadership, dedication, and an unwavering commitment to providing exemplary services to individuals with disabilities," said Via President/CEO Lisa Walkiewicz. "Her passion for making a positive impact in the lives of the people Via supports and fostering inclusivity within our community has been evident in every endeavor."

Pioli joined Via in 2001 and has held a variety of roles, including a Direct Support Professional in Via's Pre-Vocational and Community Connections programs, Admissions Manager, Director of Community Connections, Autism Services, and Behavioral Supports, and most recently, Vice President of Services.

"I love the work that we do at Via, the support and care we provide to Via participants is invaluable and not possible without the incredible dedication of those that work here," Pioli said. "Moving forward in this position I am excited to continue to collaborate with the leadership team on ways that Via can grow services, provide the highest quality support, and expand our footprint in the Lehigh Valley. By analyzing areas of need that are in-line with Via's strengths and using that information to expand and create programs, I hope to have a lasting impact on Via."

Pioli has two Bachelor of Arts degrees from Cedar Crest College in social work and psychology.

About Via of the Lehigh Valley

Serving our community since 1952, Via's mission is to help people reach their full potential through a rewarding career, meaningful relationships, and an enriching community life. Via creates pathways to success through vocation, inclusion, and advocacy. In a typical year, Via provides services to 1,000 children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities living in Lehigh, Northampton, Carbon, Monroe, Bucks, and Berks counties. These services include vocational exploration, community employment, educational activities, volunteer and

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