



**Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation (PIRE)  
announces William Wieczorek, PhD, as new CEO.**

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The Board of Directors of Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation (PIRE) is excited to announce that William Wieczorek, PhD, has been selected to become the next President and Chief Executive Officer of PIRE. His term will begin on January 1, 2020. He will immediately begin his transition as CEO Elect. The transition and orientation will be led by the current CEO, Bernard Murphy, Ph.D.

In accepting the offer, Dr. Wieczorek stated his enthusiastic commitment to the long-term success of PIRE. He expressed his desire to collaborate closely with the Board, Senior Scientists, as well as PIRE's many funders and partners to continue PIRE's rich scientific legacy and contributions, while building new levels of success.

Dr. Wieczorek joined PIRE in September 2018, as a Senior Research Scientist. Since then, he has developed research teams to compete for federal projects, highlighted by a NIDA award to study medication-based treatment for opioid addiction provided in the field immediately after an overdose recovery. He is actively engaged in technical assistance and evaluation contracts, including the Vermont Department of Health project to support communities in their use of data to strategically respond to the opioid crisis. In addition, Dr. Wieczorek jointly developed a paper for the National Prevention Network conference that builds upon PIRE's history of scientific contributions to prevention science and initiated a review of leading-edge survey software to better support PIRE projects.

Prior to coming to PIRE, Dr. Wieczorek founded the Center for Health and Social Research and the Institute for Community Health Promotion at the State University of New York at Buffalo State, where he was a director and professor since 1997. During his distinguished career he has published widely on such topics as impaired driving, alcohol and violence, suicide, geospatial analysis, developmental psychopathology, and gambling with funding from NIH, SAMHSA, New York State, private foundations, local governments, and community-based organizations. More recently, his work has focused on population health improvement and responses to the opioid crisis.