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Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation (PIRE) Welcomes William Wieczorek, PhD, as New CEO and President

Calverton, Maryland, March 3, 2020—The Board of Directors of the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation (PIRE) is excited to announce that William Wieczorek, PhD, has been selected to become the next Chief Executive Officer and President of PIRE. His term began on January 1, 2020. He succeeds recently retired Bernard Murphy, PhD, who served in the role from 2008 to 2019.

In accepting the position, 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. "I look forward to building on the successes of PIRE's 45 years of groundbreaking contributions in such areas as reducing the human toll of impaired driving, creating innovative approaches to substance abuse prevention, identifying improved treatments for drug and mental health problems, and documenting the cost effectiveness of prevention programs and policies," he said.

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 National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) award to study medication-based treatment for opioid addiction provided in the field immediately after an overdose recovery.

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. 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 the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Substance Abuse and Mental Health

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Services Administration (SAMHSA), private foundations, state and local governments, and community-based organizations.

About PIRE's six research centers, Dr. Wiczorek said, "The network of centers strategically located across the United States in Providence, RI, Chapel Hill, NC, Louisville, KY, Albuquerque, NM, Berkeley, CA, and Calverton, MD in the Washington, DC, metro area provides PIRE with the capacity to conduct research and evaluation programs of national significance while also being responsive to state and local needs."

About

Founded in 1974, Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation (PIRE) is an independent, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization merging scientific knowledge and proven practice to create solutions that improve the health, safety and well-being of individuals, communities, and nations around the world. The mission of the PIRE is to promote, undertake, and evaluate activities, studies, and programs that improve individual and public health, welfare, and safety. In support of this mission, we create and support an environment within which skilled, innovative, and dedicated researchers and practitioners work to extend the leading edges of their respective fields. PIRE includes six research centers located in Calverton, MD; Albuquerque, NM; Oakland, CA; Chapel Hill, NC; Louisville, KY; and Providence, RI. It employs 200+ staff, with close to 100 research and evaluation PhDs, MDs and MPHs. PIRE has been awarded grant and contract funded work for over 43 years, ranging from primary research and program evaluation to service delivery (technical assistance and direct service) – guided by PIRE's mission and commitment to the application of science for the public good. We have a longstanding reputation for research integrity since 1974 funded with a balance of NIH Grants, Federal contracts and foundation awards. We have held a NIAAA Center Grant since 1980 with a robust Postdoctoral Training Program. We have primed multi-million dollar contracts with the Department of Defense, National Highway Safety Administration, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Justice and the Veterans Health Administration.