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ANDRUS Announces Heath I. Bloch as President and Chief Executive Officer

YONKERS, N.Y. (April 5, 2021) – The Board of Directors of ANDRUS, a nonprofit organization that helps secure strong, promising futures for 4,500 children and families each year in the tri-state area, today announced that Heath I. Bloch has been named as President and Chief Executive Officer. Bloch’s employment with ANDRUS will commence in early May. R. Tito Del Pilar, who has been acting Chief Executive Officer for the last ten months will continue on as Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer.

Bloch has extensive experience working in social services and, specifically, the field of child welfare. He will be leaving his role as the Executive Vice President/Chief Operating Officer for Community Health Systems at SCO Family Services in New York City, and was previously engaged at The Shield Institute and the Jewish Board of Family & Children’s Services. He holds a Masters in Social Work from New York University and is certified as a licensed clinician.

“With his experience, and positive, energetic leadership Heath will help strengthen partnerships, expand programming and services, and lead ANDRUS into the future in service to the children and families of Westchester and the surrounding region,” said Susan Guma, Board Chair. “The Board is excited to work with Heath as our new President and CEO and confident that ANDRUS will be well positioned under his guidance to thrive in years to come.”

Bloch currently sits on the Boards of the Council of Family and Child Caring Agencies (COFCCA) – 853 Schools, the New York State Coalition for Children’s Behavioral Health (CBHNY) and the Jamaica Branch of YMCA of Greater New York. He is an affiliate member of the Coalition for Behavioral Health (CBH), National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Interagency Council of Developmental Disabilities (IAC), as well as a number of other professional organizations.

“I’m delighted to have the opportunity to lead such a great organization. ANDRUS has shown great resiliency and growth over the years, and I know that we can move forward and continue to provide the excellent services and programs our youth and families deserve,” said Bloch.

As President & CEO, Bloch will work closely with ANDRUS staff and the Board of Directors to ensure the organization can continue to adapt to serve people through the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

About ANDRUS

ANDRUS nurtures social and emotional well-being in children, families, and communities by delivering a broad range of vital services and by providing research, training, and innovative program models that promote the standard of excellence for professional performance in and beyond our service community. With programs on campus, in schools and within community-based settings throughout Westchester County, the nonprofit reaches almost 4,500 children and families each year from the New York Metropolitan area. Visit www.andrus1928.org to learn more. Stay up-to-date on what we’re doing by following us on social media. Be sure to connect with us on Facebook, Instagram, and Youtube using our handle [@andruschildren](https://www.facebook.com/andruschildren).