

Rape Crisis Center: Names Missy Mael and Dana Pellebon Co-executive directors

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(MADISON,WI) The Rape Crisis Center's (RCC) Board of Directors announces Missy Mael and Dana Pellebon as Co-executive Directors—the first in the agency's 47 year history.

Mael, whose previous title was Senior Director of Education, will assume responsibility for all human resources, fund development, and communications functions in addition to directing agency outreach and education efforts. Pellebon, who was previously Senior Director of Client Services, will now also be managing finance and operations in addition to managing client advocacy and counseling services.

To support efforts to reach community members with both education and services, Ahmad Moghadam will return to RCC in an Associate Executive Director role, in which he will assist with finance, grants, and compliance. He will report directly to Pellebon.

"RCC recently adopted a new mission, which is to advocate for those harmed by sexual violence through centering survivors, promoting societal change, and committing to be an evolving force for social equity," said Janine Wilson, Chair of RCC's Board of Directors. "Missy and Dana have the experience and community relationships necessary to ensure that victims and survivors are able to access the support they need and that our community receives education to reduce sexual violence."

Mael holds her Masters Degree in Education from Edgewood College and has

extensive experience in strategic planning, marketing, development, and communications. Prior to RCC, she served as Assistant Dean of Students and Grant Project Coordinator at Edgewood College, where she secured significant federal funding for sexual violence prevention and response.

Pellebon has been a leader in advocacy and case management in Madison for 25 years, most recently as Director of Housing and Operations at Porchlight, Inc. Her expertise in those areas is supplemented by her comprehensive background in operations and financial management, with direct experience in grant-writing, fundraising, and accounting through many years of professional and volunteer activities.

Prior to their promotions to Co-executive Directors, Mael and Pellebon were key stakeholders in agency decision-making. They assisted the previous Executive Director in responding to the evolving needs of community members throughout Dane County and in strategic planning activities. Mael grew the Outreach and Education Department, expanding RCC's reach to underserved populations. Pellebon led an overhaul of client advocacy and counseling, including the hiring of licensed therapists to offer free services to victims and survivors of sexual violence who are in crisis.

To learn more about Rape Crisis Center, visit <https://thercc.org/>.