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WISCAP NAMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Brad Paul will serve as the new Executive Director of the Wisconsin Community Action Program Association (WISCAP).

WISCAP Board President Wally Orzechowski, Executive Director of Southwestern Wisconsin Community Action Program, announced the decision of the Board of Directors following its meeting last week.

Dr. Paul brings more than twenty years of local, national, and international experience developing partnerships and managing policy, education and research agendas related to issues of land, labor, housing and poverty reduction. Brad has long been active in national anti-poverty and homelessness policy and advocacy work, serving as both the Housing Policy Director and Director of Public Policy at the National Coalition for the Homeless and then as co-founder and Executive Director of the National Policy and Advocacy Council on Homelessness (NPACH). His writings on housing, homelessness, human rights, and labor have appeared in such publications as *Clearinghouse Review*, *Ms. Magazine*, *Shelter Force*, *International Union Rights*, and the *Encyclopedia of U.S. Labor and Working Class History*. He is also the primary author of the 2003 *Bringing America Home Act*, comprehensive federal anti-poverty legislation which included major housing, health, labor, and civil rights titles. Prior to joining WISCAP, Brad worked for a variety of international development organizations, including Technoserve Mozambique and the International Organization for Migration (IOM). In addition, Paul, who is currently a Visiting Scholar in the Department of Community and Environmental Sociology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, previously served as a VISTA volunteer and worked for the Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida and Metro Fair Housing of Atlanta.

WISCAP is the trade association for Wisconsin's 16 Community Action Agencies and two statewide special purpose agencies—the United Migrant Opportunity Services and the Foundation for Rural Housing. WISCAP member organizations have anti-poverty missions and provide a variety of services to individuals and communities to help low-income people become self-sufficient.

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