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Community Housing Innovations, Inc. is pleased to announce Linney C. Smith as the new Chief Operating Officer

Linney C. Smith was most recently Senior Vice President for Human Resources, Compliance and Risk Management for Housing Works, the nation's largest community-based HIV/AIDS service provider for nearly 30 years. During her tenure, she provided leadership for numerous housing, case management education, outreach and job training programs, including Scattered Site Housing; New York State's largest COBRA Intensive Case Management Program; Deaf AIDS Services Initiative – the only HIV/AIDS education and outreach program for individuals living in New York City who are deaf or hard of hearing; federally funded outreach and harm reduction programs; and Summer Youth Enrichment Program, an education, prevention and employment program for children of the organization's clients who are ages 14-17. She also served as Executive Director for the HIV Law Project, Positive Health Project and Life Force. Ms. Smith has years of experience serving as an agency liaison to the New York State Department of Health, New York City HRA, the CDC, SAMHSA and the U.S. Department of Labor.

Ms. Smith has been the recipient of numerous awards and has been a presenter conferences, both nationally and internationally. She has also co-authored abstracts pertaining to HIV/AIDS that were accepted and presented at national and international conferences. Ms. Smith is an active member of her church where she taught Sunday school and sang in the choir.

Ms. Smith served on the Board of Directors of AmidaCare Health, Golden Krust Jamaica National, Inc., and Grace Episcopal Church Community Center (now Lifting Up Westchester). She is a member of the Howard University Alumni Association where she serves as Secretary for the Westchester Rockland Club. Ms. Smith is also a founding member of the Lowell F. Hawthorne Foundation and serves as Vice Chair of the Board of Directors. She is also a member of the Society for Human Resources management. Ms. Smith was a visiting professor at Hunter College School of Social Work, NYC for four years where she taught a class in not-for-profit management.

Ms. Smith is a cum laude graduate of Howard University and she earned her master's degree in urban policy and public administration with honors from Brooklyn College.