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Eugene, OR—After an extensive and thorough search led by the TransPonder Board of Directors, we are thrilled to announce that Kyle Rodriguez-Hudson has been selected as the next executive director of TransPonder beginning July 1, 2021.

Kyle is queer, trans, a parent and a licensed clinician in Eugene, who specializes in working with BIPOC & LGBTQIA+ communities in crisis. Kyle utilizes trauma-informed care to meet people where they are at and to ensure the marginalized and disenfranchised are represented in the most humbling way possible.

Kyle's mantra: Every day is a teaching moment.

Starting his transition, Kyle navigated as stealth through his professional life for many years. Being invisible in the trans community was difficult, and after recognizing his privilege in appearing cis, he took the opportunity to come out as a queer trans man on the cover of Eugene Weekly in 2020.

Kyle is a member of WPATH, a board member of HIV Alliance, has spoken at PRIDE, participated in the Planned Parenthood Gender Affirming Care Program, and facilitates the monthly TransPonder QTBIPOC Group for Black people, Indigenous people, and people of color, who are also LGBTQIA2S+.

A proud Chicagoan, Kyle earned his BA in Psychology at Northeastern Illinois University, a MA in Community Counseling at Argosy University, and a MBA at Concordia University. He's excited to use his education and experience to bring racial justice and equality into the forefront of TransPonder's mission.

Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.

—James Baldwin

The entire TransPonder team is extremely excited and humbled that Kyle will bring his wealth of knowledge, leadership skills, and kind spirit to lead TransPonder into a new era as we continue to provide intersectional support, education, and guidance for supporting trans/gender diverse individuals in living and thriving in Eugene, Lane County, and throughout the state of Oregon.

Please join us in welcoming Kyle to his new role as Executive Director of TransPonder. Congratulations, Kyle!

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