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United Way Welcomes Larry Warner as Director of Grants and Strategic Initiatives

Providence, R.I. (May 6, 2019) United Way of Rhode Island (UWRI) has welcomed a new staff member to its community investment team, hiring Larry Warner as Director of Grants and Strategic Initiatives. He assumed his new position on April 22.

In his role, Larry oversees various UWRI programs aligned with the organization's work in the focus areas of expanded learning, after-school and summer learning, and workforce development. He is responsible for managing UWRI's grantmaking and investment process to address and solve community needs, and provides direction for the strategic development of funding plans.

Prior to joining UWRI, Larry was the Strategic Initiative Officer for the Healthy Lives initiative at the Rhode Island Foundation, where he was responsible for leading the organization's activities and grantmaking in the health sector.

"We are thrilled to add Larry to our United Way team, not only for his skills and experience, but also for his personal passion for strengthening our communities," said Cortney Nicolato, President and CEO, United Way of Rhode Island. "Our focus is on being at the forefront of critical issues facing our fellow Rhode Islanders and as we expand our work even further, Larry's leadership will be invaluable to the initiatives we support that have the power to change lives."

Larry is currently a member of the Rhode Island Commission for Health Advocacy and Equity, which monitors the status of health disparities and provides guidance to state and community stakeholders to promote health equity in Rhode Island. He also served as vice chair of the steering committee for the Rhode Island State Innovation Model (SIM) Test Grant, a \$20 million initiative funded by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to transform the state's healthcare system.

A resident of Cranston with his wife and their three sons, Larry earned a B.A. in Health and Society and a Master of Public Health degree at Brown University. He is a doctoral student at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, where he is studying Health Equity and Social Justice.

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