



IACP CEO, Shelly Chandler, Announced Retirement Plan for 2023

Des Moines, Iowa – July 20, 2022: IACP CEO, Shelly Chandler, announced her plans to retire next year – June 30, 2023.

Dave Comstock, IACP Board Chair and CEO of ChildServe, stated, “Over the past 17 years, Shelly has blessed us with her unwavering leadership, her time and her many talents. During her time with IACP, Shelly has elevated the profile of the organization – helping us transition from a small organization that was relatively unknown, to an organization with visibility and a voice with the legislature. Shelly increased IACP visibility on a national scale, as a leader in systems change and provider advocacy, and helped us successfully navigate the biggest paradigm change in the history of our industry to date – the transition of Medicaid to managed care.”

Dave then added, “While Shelly will be greatly missed, we are excited for her to begin her next life chapter. What is important for you to know is, we have a well laid plan to ensure a smooth succession transition, and we have the gift of time to make certain we find the right fit for this important role at IACP. In addition, Shelly has graciously agreed to be with us every step of the way.”

Shelly Chandler’s involvement with the Association began in 1997. “The path has taken me from a new member, to a board member, to board president, to the association’s CEO,” Shelly said. “It has truly been my honor and life’s work to support IACP, its member organizations, and the 150,000 Iowans we serve. After 40 years in the industry, some more challenging than others, I am ready to step back and pass the torch to the next generation of leadership.”

Additional information will be shared with members about Shelly’s successor when the time comes.

About IACP

IACP has been relentlessly advocating on behalf of mental health and disability service providers for more than 35 years. They partner with over 125 community-based organizations to provide a wide range of resources to ensure that provider needs are being met. Their services impact organizations located in all 99 counties that annually contribute \$1.3 billion to Iowa’s economy.