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## Via of the Lehigh Valley Welcomes New Board Member

BETHLEHEM, PA – Via of the Lehigh Valley is pleased to announce that its Board of Directors has elected a new member, Sedgwick L. Harris, Ed.D.

Harris is Vice President of Administrative Affairs at Northampton Community College in Bethlehem. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Mass Communications from Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Master of Arts degree in Educational Leadership from Western Michigan University, and Doctor of Education in Community College Leadership from Ferris State University.

"My time at Northampton Community College has allowed me to witness the transformative work of Via of the Lehigh Valley. I am excited to join the Via board to continue the storied tradition of serving all community members within the Lehigh Valley," Harris said.

Lisa Walkiewicz, President and CEO of Via, stated, "Dr. Harris's extensive experience in higher education and his deep commitment to our mission will be invaluable as we continue to advocate for and support individuals with disabilities. His expertise in education and community engagement brings a unique perspective and a wealth of knowledge that will enhance our efforts to create a more inclusive and accessible community for all. We look forward to the positive impact he will undoubtedly make on our organization."

## **About Via of the Lehigh Valley**

Serving our community since 1952, Via's mission is to help people reach their full potential through a rewarding career, meaningful relationships, and an enriching community life. Via creates pathways to success through vocation, inclusion, and advocacy. Led by 2023 Chamber of Commerce Woman of the Year Award winner, Lisa Walkiewicz, President and CEO, Via was named a Top Workplace in 2023 and 2024 by The Morning Call.

In a typical year, Via provides services to 1,000 children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities living in Lehigh, Northampton, Carbon, Monroe, Bucks, and Berks counties. These services include vocational exploration, community employment, educational activities, volunteer and recreational opportunities for teens and adults, early intervention therapies, and inclusive education for young children. Visit <a href="www.ViaNet.org">www.ViaNet.org</a> to learn more.

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