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New Chief Executive Officer Approved By Networks Northwest Board

TRAVERSE CITY, MI – The Networks Northwest Board has unanimously approved the hiring of Terry Vandercook as the new Chief Executive Officer at Networks Northwest. The board met September 6 and voted to accept the recommendation of the Networks Northwest Executive Committee that Vandercook be hired for the leadership position at the organization which provides workforce, business, and community development services in the 10 counties of northwest Lower Michigan. Vandercook has accepted the position.

“We are delighted that Terry will be re-joining Networks Northwest as the next CEO,” said Sue Peters, Chief Human Resources Officer at Munson Healthcare and Chair of the Networks Northwest Board. “He is enthused to continue the great work of Networks Northwest in being part of this region’s workforce, community, and economic development.”

Vandercook served as Chief Program Officer at Networks Northwest until February of 2022 before leaving for a position with a northern Michigan company that assists agricultural employers across the country meet their workforce needs through the U.S. Department of Labor’s H-2A visa program. Prior to his past position at Networks Northwest, Vandercook was a Business Development Manager for the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. He is a Northwest Michigan native and returned to the area with his family after serving a 20 year career in the United States Air Force.

“I am honored to have been chosen and to serve as the next Chief Executive Officer of Networks Northwest,” said Vandercook. “I look forward to leading the organization as it continues its long history of collaboration and excellence in workforce, community, and business development across Northwest Lower Michigan.”

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Vandercook is tentatively scheduled to begin working as CEO on September 26. He replaces former Networks Northwest CEO, Matt McCauley, who left the organization for a position with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

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