

## **Lifespire® Inc Appoints Diana P. Vega as Chief Operating Officer Spearheading Programs to Assist DSPs to Excel in the Post-Pandemic Industry**

New York, NY July 4, 2022, Lifespire® Inc., a leading provider of services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, is pleased to announce the appointment of Diana P. Vega to the position of Chief Operating Officer.

In this role, Ms. Vega will oversee the program management of Lifespire® as well as the multiple contracts, programs, and facilities that are operating within the five boroughs, extending to Ulster and Westchester counties. Diana P. Vega will lead and scale the agency's operation and growth, including integration of operations, support, retention of employees, recruitment, and enhanced relationships with governmental agencies.

“Diana brings decades of experience in such services, training employees and fostering an inclusive environment for employees to grow and thrive,” said Thomas Lydon, CEO. “She is a proven leader within our organization and has facilitated a number of large-scale initiatives for which she is known for her empathetic, people-centric leadership approach with a deep understanding for those that we serve and dedication to the high level of performance that Lifespire® is committed to.”

Diana P. Vega first joined Lifespire in 1989 and is a recognized industry veteran with 35 years of experience in the field. She is a bilingual (Eng/Span) sought-out speaker, adjunct professor, training consultant and keynote speaker.

“Lifespire® is a recognized leader supporting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and it has been a forerunner in many of the agency's benefits, assistance, and care to this population. I am honored to carry on the mantle and the legacy that was begun by Ida Rappaport and Harry Kamish back in the late '40s. Our founders started this agency for the mission to serve those who were not being properly served by institutions such as educational, and social services, specifically, within the five boroughs within the state of New York. I consider it no greater honor to be tasked with the responsibility of bringing a higher quality of life and opportunities to integrate into our society than what is currently available. Lifespire® is clearly a family-like agency with multiple teams throughout the five boroughs including Ulster and Westchester counties. There is a great deal of co-development, teamwork and training that goes on. We have been and are committed to cultivating a culture of mentors and coaches within the agency and we look forward to being able to serve the greater demands that shall be placed upon the city and the state. Based upon our Lifespire® leadership model, every initiative is accomplished by working alongside all the talented team members, to bring about the vision of the agency's CEO, Thomas Lydon, which I am committed to accomplishing.” stated Ms. Vega.

### **About Lifespire®**

Lifespire, Inc, founded in 1951, supports people with intellectual and developmental disabilities within the five boroughs and the state of New York including Ulster and Westchester counties. It is headquartered in the Wall Street area of Manhattan and has programs throughout the city. Currently the agency employs over 500 direct support professionals, clinicians, program directors, managers, and supervisors who operate within 85 different facilities and programs.