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RP Group Announces Change in Leadership

SACRAMENTO, CA, April 3, 2017 – The board of directors of the RP Group, a research and education-focused non-profit, today announced that its Executive Director, Michael Howe, has stepped down from his role. Howe was with the organization for over three years as it grew in scope, influence, and capacity.

“The board and I thank Mike for his years of dedication and service, and wish him success in his next endeavor,” said Gregory Stoup, RP Group Board President.

“With all of the promising state and federal initiatives entering the landscape, this is an exciting time for higher education. The RP Group remains committed to the continued success of the organization and maintaining its reputation for high-quality research, evaluation, planning, and professional development,” said Stoup.

New Interim Leadership

The board of directors also announced that Director of Research and Evaluation, Dr. Darla Cooper, will serve as the Interim Executive Director until a permanent replacement is identified. As Dr. Cooper has served on the RP Group leadership team since 2009, she will ensure continuity in the organization’s leadership.

The search for a permanent Executive Director will commence this spring. Updates on the search for the next RP Group Executive Director and related news will be posted on the RP Group website and via notifications to the organization’s stakeholders.

About the RP Group

The RP Group is a non-profit, membership-driven organization that strives to build a community college culture that views planning, evidence-based decision-making, and institutional effectiveness as integral, collaborative strategies that work together to promote student success, increase equitable outcomes, improve college operations, and inform policymakers. It does this primarily through research, planning, professional development, evaluation, and technical assistance for California Community Colleges. The RP Group also recognizes excellence through its Lifetime Achievement Award and RP Group Award offerings. Visit www.rpgroup.org for more information.

Mission Statement

Through professional and leadership development, technical assistance, research, and evaluation services, the RP Group strengthens the ability of California Community Colleges to discover and undertake high quality research, planning, and assessments that improve evidence-based decision-making, institutional effectiveness, and success for all students.

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