

For Immediate Release, Recover Wyoming

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After a nine-month search, Recover Wyoming is pleased to announce the hire of Wyoming native and long-time Cheyenne resident, Milward Simpson, as its new Executive Director.

Milward has spent a long career in non-profit leadership and state government service having previously served as State Director for The Nature Conservancy, Director of the WY Dept. of State Parks and Cultural Resources, and Manager of the WY Arts Council.

Recover Wyoming was founded in 2010 by Laura Griffith, who previously worked at the Wyoming Department of Health, Behavioral Health Division, and has decided to retire. Recover Wyoming is the first and only federally recognized Recovery Community Organization established in Wyoming and it plays a vital role in assisting people seeking recovery from substance use disorder. Recover Wyoming is one of 130 Recovery Community Organizations across the nation and values all pathways to recovery, peer-based recovery support and community advocacy.

“In its short history, Recover Wyoming has become a highly valued resource for people in the process of recovering from addiction” says Simpson. “I am thankful for Laura’s vision and for the hard work and dedication of the staff, volunteers, peer specialists and board and I am excited by the opportunity to work to expand on the organization’s accomplishments and to help lead it forward to an even brighter and more impactful future. No one is immune from the ravages of addiction and I’m looking forward to giving back to my community and state by taking on this challenging leadership role on behalf of our citizens.”

According to board chair, John Olive, *“On behalf of the Board of Directors for Recover Wyoming, we are very pleased to have someone of Milward Simpson’s character and professional accomplishments to take the helm as Laura Griffith retires. We are all excited about the future of Recover Wyoming.”*

Simpson will begin his new role on June 1st.

If you or someone in your family is seeking recovery assistance, please visit the Recovery Center at 122 West Lincolnway in Cheyenne, call (307) 421-7261 or visit the website at recoverwyoming.org.