



## Executive Change

### John Bateson Leaving

After a 15-year career as executive director of the Contra Costa Crisis Center, John Bateson announced that he will be leaving on January 26, 2012. John intends to pursue a variety of interests, including the marketing of his latest book and the researching of a new book.

The Contra Costa Crisis Center Board of Trustees has named Cory Pohley as interim director. She brings more than 30 years of experience in the nonprofit sector, including 10 years of executive leadership. She has worked to meet the needs of people impacted by homelessness, foster care, the juvenile justice system, mental health challenges, child abuse, homophobia, and poverty.

During Cory's tenure, the board will conduct an extensive search to select an experienced, permanent executive director. An executive recruiter has been hired to facilitate the process.

The board extends its gratitude to John for building the Contra Costa Crisis Center to its current, preeminent position, and for his service to the community. The board also wishes to acknowledge the dedicated and professional staff who will continue to ensure that crisis center programs and services remain responsive to the needs of Contra Costa County residents.