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**Join us in extending our warmest congratulations to Astraea Augsberger on her exciting new role as the Director of Community Engagement for the Boston University Clinical Translational Science Institute (BU CTSI)!**

Dr. Astraea Augsberger has been named the new Director of Community Engagement for the Boston University's Clinical and Translational Science Institute. In this role, Dr. Augsberger will work with the Community Engagement team to develop an institutional structure that supports community engagement in research, including the centering of community priorities in the research process and the widespread dissemination of best practices to advance health equity.

Dr. Augsberger is an Associate Professor at Boston University School of Social Work and an affiliated faculty member at the BU Center for Innovation in Social Work & Health. Her research program, supported by federal, state and foundation funding, examines multi-level factors that inhibit or facilitate a person's ability to participate in decision-making in the systems of health care, child welfare, and education, as well as municipal government. Her research, shaped by over fifteen years of clinical social work practice experience, includes academic-community partnerships with organizations such as the Westchester Institute for Human Development, the MA Department of Public Health, Boston Public Schools, Boston Mayor's Office, and Boston Medical Center. She employs participatory research approaches, such as youth participatory action research, to elevate the voices of youth and communities in identifying research priorities and solutions to community concerns. She is a nationally recognized expert in youth and family engagement strategies, including the development, implementation, and evaluation of youth advisory boards. We are delighted to have Dr. Augsberger join the BU CTSI leadership team and look forward to having her build and strengthen our exceptional community engagement work.