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Zackary Cope, PhD Joins Pittsburgh-Based Contract Research Organization, Clinical Research Strategies, LLC as Clinical and Regulatory Affairs Project Lead

Pittsburgh, PA – January 6, 2025. Clinical Research Strategies, LLC ("CRS"), a Pittsburgh-area-based, US-owned and operated clinical contract research organization (CRO) and executive management consultancy for the life sciences industry is pleased to announce the addition of **Zackary Cope, PhD**, Clinical and Regulatory Affairs Project Lead. Dr. Cope earned his doctorate of philosophy in Neuroscience at the Medical University of South Carolina, and completed a post-doctoral fellowship in translational psychiatry at the University of California San Diego where he researched seasonal mechanisms in depression and bipolar disorder.

Photo by Jen Worley

Dr. Cope previously worked at Sage Therapeutics as an in vivo pharmacology scientist II for small molecule drug candidates, and participated on a multi-disciplinary team for Pre-IND meetings with the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Prior to Sage Therapeutics, he also worked for the MODEL-AD Center at the University of Pittsburgh Aging Institute developing novel mouse models and biomarkers for the study of neurodegeneration.

Zackary is published in the fields of cognitive neurobiology, aging, Alzheimers/dementia, behavioral health, and addiction, among others.

After living and working in the Appalachian Mountains and on both coasts, Zackary is happy to make his home in Pittsburgh. Zackary grew up near the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and hopes to see all the US National Parks in his lifetime. He enjoys a number of hobbies, especially anything outdoors like hiking, biking, birding, and gardening. He is also a cook and baker who aspires to travel and eat his way through all the great world cuisines.

Alethea Wieland, CRS President and Founder, remarks, "Zackary has a well-rounded background in pre-clinical and translational science in several of our key therapeutic areas and he is ready for the challenges of clinical trials."

David Link, MBA, CRS CEO and Chief Quality and Regulatory Officer, adds, “Dr. Cope has an enviable background for our clients and management consulting practice group, and we know he will excel in a fast-paced environment typical of the trials industry.”

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