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CAHF Names Cassie Dunham as its New CEO/President

The transition into the role starts October 1

SACRAMENTO, CA – The California Association of Health Facilities (CAHF), a non-profit trade association representing nearly 1,300 skilled nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities for the developmentally disabled, is proud to announce the selection of Cassie Dunham as its new Chief Executive Officer/President.

With more than 35-years' experience in the healthcare sector, including most recently serving as an appointee of Governor Newsom in the role of Deputy Director of the Center for Health Care Quality at the California Department of Public Health, Dunham brings a wealth of expertise and a deep commitment to the organization's mission, and is poised to lead CAHF into a new era of growth and innovation with a strong dedication to the highest quality resident care.



"I am truly honored to join CAHF as the next CEO/President," said Dunham. "This organization has a strong legacy of advocating for the well-being of our most vulnerable populations, and I am excited to build upon that foundation. I look forward to working closely with our devoted members, staff, and association leadership to continue the important work of ensuring quality care in skilled nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities for the developmentally disabled across the state."

Dunham succeeds Craig Cornett who has served as CAHF's CEO/President since December 2017. Under Cornett's stewardship, the organization has seen significant advancements in policy advocacy, member engagement, and awareness among legislators.

"Cassie is the right person to lead CAHF at this pivotal time," said Cornett. "Her passion, experience, and vision will undoubtedly drive the organization to new heights. It has been a privilege to serve as CEO/President, and I am proud of what we have accomplished. I am confident Cassie will uphold the values and standards that have been the cornerstone of CAHF's success."

"We are excited to have Cassie step into the role of CEO/President," said CAHF Chair of the Board Julie Butenko. "Her proven leadership and innovative approach will be

instrumental in guiding CAHF toward new achievements with a continued focus on delivering quality care."

Dunham is expected to start the transition into her new role as CEO/President on October 1. Cornett will remain involved during the transition process to ensure a seamless handover of responsibilities through the end of the year.

For more information about CAHF, please visit this website.

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