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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**ACHCA Announces Cecilia Sepp, CAE as New President and CEO**

**Alexandria, VA – December 4, 2015** – The American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA) has selected Cecilia Sepp, CAE as its new President and CEO effective January 4, 2016. Mrs. Sepp brings more than twenty years of participation in the association community and will see the organization through the next phase of development as it continues to support administrators in the evolving health care industry.

“I’m incredibly excited about this opportunity,” Sepp said upon accepting the position. “A professional association represents the ability of a group of individuals to make significant changes in their specialty area, and our society, over a period of time. As dramatic change continues in our country, health care delivery and policy decisions related to its management will require increasingly savvy and educated individuals. This is where ACHCA will continue to lead in the areas of training, certification, and advocacy.”

Mrs. Sepp joins ACHCA from Association Laboratory where she has served as Vice President and Client Operations Officer. In that role she worked with a variety of health care associations on projects such as membership research and strategic planning. She is also Founder and Principal for CS Association Services where she delivered strategic planning, research, communications, component relations, volunteer management, and organizational strategy services for a variety of nonprofits and associations. She has a strong background in health care as a staff member of the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, and a policy analyst in the area of health care at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

She is a Certified Association Executive (CAE), the highest honor an association executive can earn in the profession which is designed to elevate professional standards, enhance individual performance, and designate those who demonstrate knowledge essential to the practice of association management. Mrs. Sepp has served on many councils and committees for the American Society of Association Executives, most recently the Component Relations Section Council, Foundation Development Committee, and Political Action Committee. She is also a member of the Association for Strategic Planning and serves on the local ASP chapter board in the Greater Washington, DC, area.

Mrs. Sepp's predecessor, Marianna Kern Grachek, FACHCA, Retired Emeritus Certified, announced her retirement in June. Sharon Colling, CNHA, CALA, FACHCA has acted as interim President and CEO.

#### **About ACHCA**

Founded in 1962, the American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA) is the only professional association devoted solely to meeting the professional needs of today's post-acute and aging services leaders. Focused on advancing leadership excellence, ACHCA provides professional education and certification to administrators from across the spectrum of long term care. For more information about ACHCA, contact the national office at (202) 536-5120 or visit [www.achca.org](http://www.achca.org).

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