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American College of Health Care Administrators Names Sharon Colling as Interim CEO

Alexandria, VA – July 16, 2015 – The American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA) announces the appointment of Sharon Colling, CNHA, CALA, FACHCA, of Waverly, Nebraska, to the position of Interim CEO effective July 1, 2015. Ms. Colling brings with her more than twenty years of long-term care experience and will see the organization through the next phase of development as it continues to support administrators in the evolving health care industry.

Ms. Colling joins ACHCA from Lantern Health Services, where she has served as the President and CEO since 2012. Prior to her tenure at Lantern Health Services, Ms. Colling served as administrator and co-owner of skilled nursing and assisted living facilities in Nebraska. She has served both rural and urban skilled nursing, assisted living, adult day care, and CCRC communities in a variety of capacities, including: Certified Social Worker, Administrator, Management Consultant, Owner, and Regional Vice-President. Ms. Colling has been a member of ACHCA since 1998 and is a life member of The Academy of Long Term Care Leadership and Development. She holds ACHCA CNHA and CALA Certifications and is a Fellow, the highest level of membership within ACHCA.

In 2002, Ms. Colling was awarded the ACHCA New Administrator of the Year Award. Since that time she has presented workshops for the ACHCA, served as an item writer for the CNHA and CALA certification exams, and has served on the Professional Advancement Committee from 2008-2012, serving as Chair 2010-2012. She is currently chair of the Exam Development Subcommittee for ACHCA's CNHA and CALA exams.

Ms. Colling has served as director at-large on the ACHCA Board of Directors from 2013-2015, currently on leave from that position. She was a 2015 recipient of the ACHCA Chair's Award which recognizes a member of ACHCA who has demonstrated support, cooperation, unfailing assistance, and distinguished service to the ACHCA Chair, Board of Directors, and leadership within the organization and profession of long-term care administration.

Ms. Colling takes on the position under the guidance and building on the leadership of Marianna Grachek, CNHA, CALA, FACHCA, ACHCA's President and CEO for the past nine years. "As someone who has worked closely with Sharon for many years, I couldn't be more pleased to welcome her to the ACHCA staff," said Mrs. Grachek. "Sharon's experience, demonstrated leadership and passion for her work will provide incredible support to our members and staff as they continue to advocate for excellence in post-acute care and aging services."

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.

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