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### **HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION NAMES INTERIM LEADERSHIP**

*Interim leadership to maintain momentum in health, community, and innovation sectors*

(Dayton – OH) The Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association (GDAHA) is pleased to announce Sarah Hackenbracht as the Interim President & CEO of GDAHA and Marty Larson as the Interim President & CEO of Ascend Innovations.

Following the announcement that GDAHA's outgoing President & CEO Bryan Bucklew will relocate to Sacramento, CA to lead the Hospital Council of Northern and Central California, the GDAHA Board of Trustees selected interim leadership to allow time to assess the organization and current needs of its members. Debbie Feldman, President & CEO of Dayton Children's Hospital and Chair of the GDAHA Board of Trustees is currently leading the Board's assessment of GDAHA and Ascend Innovations. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Ms. Feldman stated "Both Sarah and Marty are consummate professionals who are more than competent to lead GDAHA and Ascend Innovations during this transition."

Sarah Hackenbracht possesses 13 years of non-profit and healthcare experience having worked at GDAHA in several capacities, including Vice President of Public Policy. In 2011, Sarah relocated to Cleveland, Ohio to serve as Executive Director of the Cuyahoga Health Access Partnership (CHAP). She returned to the Dayton region in 2016 to implement the community-wide advance care planning initiative, *Decide to be Heard*, in partnership with GDAHA and organizational partners. Sarah is a graduate of Wright State University with a B.A. in Political Science and the University of Dayton with a Master's in Public Administration. She was recognized as one of the Dayton Business Journal's '40 Under 40' in 2010 and accepted the 'Healthcare Hero' award on behalf of CHAP during Cleveland's 2014 National Health Center Week.

Marty Larson has been with GDAHA since 2010 with roles as the Executive Vice President since 2014 and Executive Director of the Greater Dayton Area Health Information Exchange. He also played a vital role in the development of the Collaborating Communities Health Information Exchange (CCHIE) in Springfield, Ohio, serving as a founding member of the CCHIE board and treasurer. Marty's background is in finance and IT with more than 20 years of experience in healthcare, including as the interim Chief Information Officer with Community Mercy Health Care Partners. Marty received his Master's Degree from Antioch University McGregor in 2005 and undergraduate degree from Cedarville University.

*The Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association (GDAHA) is a member-service organization representing 29 hospitals and health systems in the Dayton region. GDAHA collaborates with its members to improve the delivery of healthcare services in Auglaize, Butler, Darke, Champaign, Clark, Greene, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, Shelby, and Warren Counties in West Central Ohio.*

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