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Craig Cornett Named Interim CEO/President of CAHF Following Cassie Dunham's Resignation

Association continues its advocacy and member-focused work

SACRAMENTO – The California Association of Health Facilities (CAHF) has named Craig Cornett as its Interim CEO/President following the resignation of Cassie Dunham, who has served as the association's CEO/President since October 2024.

Cornett, who led CAHF as CEO/President from December 2017 through 2024, brings extensive experience and a deep understanding of the association's membership, advocacy priorities and operations, providing continuity as CAHF moves forward.

"I'm pleased to return to CAHF during this important time for the association and the providers we represent," said Cornett. "I look forward to working with CAHF's staff, Board and members to continue advancing the association's priorities and supporting providers as they care for California's most vulnerable residents."

During her tenure, Dunham brought more than 35 years of health care experience to CAHF, including her previous service as Deputy Director of the Center for Health Care Quality at the California Department of Public Health. Her leadership came at a time of significant policy, reimbursement and operational pressures for skilled nursing and intermediate care providers across California.

Under Dunham's leadership, CAHF continued to strengthen its public profile and take a more proactive approach to communicating the value of long-term care providers and the challenges facing the sector. The association advanced advocacy around Medi-Cal reimbursement reform and fighting for adequate Medi-Cal funding, while expanding engagement with members, policymakers and other stakeholders.

"I am grateful for the opportunities I've had during my time with CAHF, and for the dedication of the team I've had the privilege to work alongside," said Dunham in her departure statement.

"On behalf of the Board and CAHF's membership, I thank Cassie for her service and contributions to the association," said Allan Engelauf, CAHF Chair of the Board.

“We appreciate the leadership she brought to CAHF and the work undertaken during her tenure to elevate the issues facing long-term care providers. As we move through this transition, our focus remains on supporting our members, advancing our priorities and ensuring that CAHF continues to be a strong voice for the residents and providers we serve.”

The CAHF Board of Directors is establishing a search process for the association’s next CEO/President. For more information about CAHF, visit www.cahf.org.

Founded in 1950, the California Association of Health Facilities (CAHF) is a non-profit trade organization representing skilled nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities. CAHF is dedicated to providing quality care for the frail, elderly, intellectually disabled, and those with chronic mental illness. Visit CAHF for more information.

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