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Kate Kohn-Parrott Selected to Succeed Vern Anthony as President and CEO of Greater Detroit Area Health Council

Detroit, MI –Kate Kohn-Parrott was unanimously selected by the Search Committee and subsequently approved by the Executive Committee to succeed Vern Anthony, who is retiring, as GDAHC’s next President and CEO. We are excited that Kate has accepted this role. She won endorsement with her passion and clear vision to take GDAHC to a new level.

“Kate’s wealth of experience and working knowledge at all levels of health care coupled with her passion for optimizing health care delivery is impressive and will be impactful to the future directions of GDAHC. Her excitement is contagious and I look forward to partnering with her in my role as GDAHC’s next Board Chair,” said Rick Haller, President and COO of Walbridge and Chair of the Search Committee.

Kate brings a wealth of experience and a contagious passion for Detroit and the work of the Greater Detroit Area Health Council. Currently GDAHC’s Board Treasurer, Kate is recognized as a strategic finance and human resources executive. She is a strong, multidisciplinary visionary who is adept at inspiring and fostering collaborative relationships.

“Kate’s leadership and vision are invaluable. In 2008, as the epic economic downturn threatened all of us, Kate offered innovative options and ideas to increase revenues and decrease expenses. She has been a strong and consistent force through the years. There is no doubt, she will lead this organization to even greater heights,” offered Vernice Davis Anthony, GDAHC President and CEO.

Kate brings a wealth of experience in leading transformational change and has been instrumental in shaping health care reform at the local and state levels. She has served as a health care consultant in the private and public sectors.

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In 2008, Kate retired from Chrysler LLC as Director of Integrated Health Care and Disability capping a twenty-five year career. In her role as Director, she saved over \$400 million annually and led national negotiations with the UAW on health care and benefit programs, a collaboration that reduced costs and saved thousands of autoworkers' jobs.

"The opportunity to lead GDAHC is an extraordinary honor and responsibility. I have tremendous respect for this organization's success in bringing diverse stakeholders to the table to collaborate on improvements in healthcare quality and access, while helping to make healthcare more affordable. I am ready to lead GDAHC to even greater success as a community catalyst. I look forward to sharing my passion for Detroit and southeast Michigan, as well as my long tenured commitment to the GDAHC mission, so that together we continue to offer transformational solutions to the unprecedented challenges facing healthcare," says Kate Kohn-Parrott.

Kate holds a master's degree in business administration (MBA) from the University of Detroit Mercy and a bachelor's degree in business administration (accounting) from Eastern Michigan University. She also holds Certificates from The Stanford University Executive Program and the Managing Business Program at Insead (France).

Kate, her husband and family are passionate supporters of Detroit and southeast Michigan. Kate serves on numerous boards and committees and has received many awards for her work in health care management.

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The Greater Detroit Area Health Council (GDAHC) is a multi-stakeholder regional coalition. The organization brings together stakeholders in our community, at a single table, to address health care quality, access and cost in southeastern Michigan.

As a health care leader that is recognized regionally and nationally, GDAHC works with everyone who gets care, gives care and pays for care to lift the quality of overall care in the community.

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