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Wendy Simons leaves Nevada Health Care Association to consult for new Veterans Administration skilled nursing facility

LAS VEGAS – Daniel Mathis, president and CEO of the Nevada Health Care Association (NVHCA), announced today that Wendy Simons, the association’s director of assisted living program development, would be leaving at the request of the governor for a new Veterans Administration facility to be built in Northern Nevada. One of the Nevada healthcare community’s most well-known and respected members, Wendy Simons joined NVHCA in 2013.

“Governor Sandoval, with the recommendation of Chief of Staff Mike Willden, is bringing Wendy Simons back to consult on the VA skilled nursing facility to be built in the Reno–Sparks area,” Mathis said. “Wendy leaves the Nevada Health Care Association having doubled our membership for the assisted living and residential facilities for groups sector, and she has provided many hours of education for skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities and residential facilities for group providers throughout Nevada. We support Wendy and her move and we look forward to her continued work in post-acute care.”

For the first 20 years of her career, Simons operated assisted living facilities, primarily for low-income residents. She earned a stellar reputation as a health care administrator and praise for her lobbying efforts in support of social service programs, reimbursement, personal needs funding, community-based services, elder rights and abuse legislation. This ongoing effort extended across 10 legislative sessions. Prior to her work with the NVHCA, Simons served as a regulatory compliance consultant and bureau chief of health care quality and compliance for the Nevada State Health Division in Carson City.

About the Nevada Health Care Association

The Nevada Health Care Association (NVHCA), a member of the American Health Care Association, is a non-profit organization established in 1974 as the Nevada Association of Health Facilities. Its mission is to provide leadership and support and to advocate for its members while working with them to improve the quality of care in Nevada’s skilled nursing and related facilities. For more information, visit: nvhca.org.

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