

PATHWAY HEALTH APPOINTS NEW DIRECTOR TO LEAD HOME CARE AND HOSPICE SERVICES PRACTICE

WHITE BEAR LAKE, Minn., April 20, 2015—Pathway Health, a leading post-acute consulting service, interim management and education company, is pleased to announce that Lisa Abicht-Swensen, M.H.A., has been appointed to the position of Director of Home Care and Hospice Services. In this capacity, Ms. Abicht-Swensen will lead Pathway Health's national consulting services practice and capabilities for home care and hospice. She will collaborate with the existing leadership team and report to Chris Fangboner, Vice President of Operations of Pathway Health.

"Lisa's passion, commitment and outstanding leadership will be a great benefit to post-acute care providers, who are focused on delivering home and community-based services throughout the care continuum," states Deborah L. Schuna, Chief Executive Officer for Pathway Health. "With the addition of this important leadership position, Pathway Health is well positioned to assist clients navigate the dynamic post-acute care industry in light of health care reform."

Ms. Abicht-Swensen joins Pathway Health with an extensive background in the start-up development and on-going operations of home care, palliative care and hospice organizations. In the early 1990s, she opened one of the first community-based hospice programs in Minnesota and, during her tenure, led the program to become one of the largest hospices in the state, with a reputation for responsiveness, innovation and excellence in end-of-life care. Ms. Abicht-Swensen is an accomplished speaker and writer, and has been published in numerous journals, including the *American Journal of Hospice and Palliative Care*.

Ms. Abicht-Swensen earned a Master of Hospital and Health Care Administration degree, Bachelor of Arts degrees in both Long-Term Health Care and Business Administration, and is a licensed nursing home administrator. She is a past president of the Hospice Minnesota Board of Directors and has served on the National Hospice and Palliative Care Quality Advisory Committee. For many years, Ms. Abicht-Swensen represented Home and Community-Based Services on the Board of Directors of Care Providers of Minnesota. She currently serves as the Vice Chairperson of the Care Providers of Minnesota Foundation Board of Trustees. In 2008, she received the Care Providers of Minnesota Member of the Year Award in recognition of outstanding leadership, service, compassion and commitment to the association, its members, the long-term care profession and the lives of those served.

"I am thrilled to join Pathway Health, whose mission and operational goals are focused on helping providers strengthen their core business capabilities in an effort to serve people well, while at the same time being positioned to take advantage of emerging opportunities to help their organizations thrive and grow in the competitive post-acute care market," Lisa Abicht-Swensen says. "Throughout my career, I have been privileged to lead remarkable caregivers toward achieving exceptional positive outcomes for patients and their families. And, in the end, that is what it is all about—in some small way, making a difference in the quality of the lives of those we serve by being at the forefront of delivering responsive, quality care,"

About Pathway Health

Pathway Health (www.pathwayhealth.com) is a leading provider of professional management, consulting, interim and education solutions for post-acute care organizations. Since 1997, they have provided insight, expertise, resources and knowledge to assist providers in achieving their clinical, regulatory, quality and reimbursement goals. Helping organizations stay on the right path to success and making a positive difference is the foundation of Pathway Health's values and principles.

