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### **Sue Schettle To Lead ARRM**

*New CEO looks to strengthen diverse community-based services for people with disabilities*

SAINT PAUL, MINN. – ARRM, an association representing more than 200 direct care providers and supporting service providers for people with disabilities in Minnesota, today announced the selection of its new Chief Executive Officer, Sue Schettle.

Schettle comes to ARRM after a more than 30 year run in the health care industry, most recently as the CEO of the Twin Cities Medical Society, a membership association representing more than 4,000 physicians from the 7-County Metropolitan Area. Under her leadership, the Society led groundbreaking public health advancements including smoke-free public policies, obesity prevention efforts and normalizing end-of-life care conversations through an initiative she co-founded, called Honoring Choices Minnesota.



“I’m honored to take on this role to help ensure Minnesota’s incredible home and community-based service providers continue to be able to support people’s needs and help achieve their goals,” said Schettle. “I know first-hand the benefit these organizations and the direct care staff they employ have on the people they support and their communities, and I look forward to driving forward public policy and service innovations that both ensure the stability of this industry and open up new options and opportunities for people with disabilities in Minnesota.”

Schettle will lead an association with a represented workforce of more than 30,000, serving tens of thousands of people. Members of ARRM have provided an ever-diversifying array of supports and services to people for more than 40 years since the movement to close state institutions, consistently working with families and advocates to secure greater inclusivity and independence for people with disabilities.

“Sue’s reputation and track record for spearheading paradigm-shifting initiatives as an industry leader will be a great asset for our members, the people we support and the State of Minnesota as a whole,” said John Estrem, ARRM board president and CEO of Hammer Residences, Inc., an ARRM member. “ARRM members have the passion, experience and ingenuity to support the inclusive rights and opportunity for people with disabilities and we are excited to have a leader at the helm of the association who shares our vision.”

Schettle takes over at a particularly volatile time for the industry, which faces a wave of unfunded mandates from state and federal government, as well as state-set reimbursement rates for services and a workforce pool that are being significantly outstripped by inflation and demand, respectively. She begins her new role on November 6.

#### **About ARRM (The Association of Residential Resources of Minnesota)**

ARRM is a nonprofit association of more than 200 Minnesotan providers, businesses and advocates dedicated to leading the

advancement of community-based services that support people living with disabilities in their pursuit of meaningful lives. ARRM members support people with developmental, intellectual and physical disabilities including autism, brain injury and mental health needs. People served live in their own homes, adult foster care settings, and other community settings. Founded in 1970, ARRM continues to lead positive industry reforms that support Minnesotans with disabilities. To learn more, visit [arm.org](http://arm.org), and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).