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ARRM CEO Named Recipient of ANCOR's 2026 Diane McComb State Association Star Award

EAGAN, Minn. — ARRM is proud to share that its CEO Sue Schettle has been selected as the recipient of ANCOR's 2026 Diane McComb State Association Star Award, a national honor recognizing outstanding leadership and advocacy on behalf of community-based disability services.

Schettle was selected in recognition of her leadership of ARRM and its nearly 200 provider members across Minnesota, as well as her advocacy during a year of significant challenges for disability service providers. In announcing the award, ANCOR highlighted Schettle's consistent work with state partners in response to emerging state and federal challenges and her commitment to ensuring providers have a voice in decisions affecting the future of community-based services.

"This recognition reflects the work of an incredible community of providers, advocates and partners who show up every day for people with disabilities," said Schettle. "I'm honored to receive this award, and honored to serve the provider community here in Minnesota."

The award also recognizes Schettle's contributions to disability services advocacy at the national level. She is an active member of ANCOR's State Association Executives Forum, where she collaborates with association leaders from across the country to share information, strategies and best practices. Earlier this year, Schettle represented Minnesota alongside two provider organizations at ANCOR's national conference in Boston as part of a panel on crisis management. She also was a featured speaker at the University of St. Thomas School of Law's "Disability Rights on Hold" event in February, where she spoke about how providers are handling changes to the disability services system in response to allegations of widespread fraud, and the impacts of these changes on people with disabilities.

“Under Sue’s leadership, ARRM has been a vital support for many providers in Minnesota over the course of the last year,” said Rita Wiersma, chair of the ARRM Board of Directors and CEO at Accord. “We’re thrilled that Sue’s leadership is being recognized in this way.”

The Diane McComb State Association Star Award recognizes the outsized impact that a state provider association leader has had in advocating for the transformation of community-based disability services. The award is named for a veteran disability services advocate who gained a reputation nationally for her work to cultivate a thriving network of state-level provider associations.

Schettle has been CEO of ARRM since 2017. Prior to that, she founded Honoring Choices Minnesota, a non-profit dedicated to making advance care planning the community’s collaborative standard of care. For her work as co-founder of The Convenings, a partnership between Honoring Choices Minnesota, Cathy Wurzer of MPR, and the Bruce Kramer Collaborative, Schettle received a Midwest Regional Governor’s Emmy Award in 2017.

Schettle will be formally recognized during an awards ceremony at ANCOR’s 2026 Policy Summit & Hill Day in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday, September 15.

About ARRM

ARRM is a nonprofit association of nearly 200 provider organizations, businesses and advocates dedicated to leading the advancement of home and community-based services supporting people living with disabilities in their pursuit of meaningful lives. Founded in 1970, ARRM continues to lead advocacy and training for positive industry reforms that support Minnesotans with disabilities through supporting community inclusion and representing home and community-based services providers.

About ANCOR

ANCOR is a national association of community-based providers relentlessly advocating for person-centered outcomes for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. As the trusted conduit of resources for providers, policymakers and the public, ANCOR enhances providers’ ability to support individuals with I/DD to be fully included and empowered in their communities. ANCOR’s 2,500 members operate in nearly every corner of the United States to make inclusion a reality for people of all abilities.

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