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## **KABC NAMES DAN GOODMAN NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

(Lawrence, KS) --Kansas Advocates for Better Care will have a new Executive Director on April 1. After a three-month search, KABC Board Chair Molly Wood announced that Dan Goodman has been selected to lead the organization which advocates for high quality care of older Kansans wherever they live. Goodman will replace former KABC Executive Director Mitzi McFatrach, who has been serving as the interim leader during the search.

"We are fortunate to have found a person with the background and expertise of Dan Goodman to take the reins at KABC," said Molly Wood, Chair of the KABC Board of Directors. "KABC has always existed to serve older Kansans by providing resources and advocacy that lead to better care for those in need. Dan's leadership comes at a critical time as KABC is now poised to broaden its scope and impact across Kansas through greater awareness and outreach activity," Wood said.

"I will strive to continue the strong tradition of KABC being a trusted organization for older Kansans," Goodman said. "KABC will remain focused on advocating for equity, dignity and fairness for Kansans in long-term care. We will remain dedicated to improving the quality of long-term care for older Kansans at home and in residential care settings. It is through that dedication that we envision one day all Kansans will have excellent quality of life no matter where they choose to live," said Goodman.

Dan Goodman is a lifelong Kansan. After graduating from Pittsburg State University, he began his career in social services starting in Child Protective Services for the Kansas State Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, (SRS). During his 18 years with SRS, Dan held various positions, Adult and Youth Service Supervisor in Olathe, Area Medicaid Manager in Overland Park, Regional Adult Protective Services Supervisor for the KC Metro Region, State Adult Protective Services Program Manager, and Health Care Policy Field Administrator for the KC Metro Region.

In 2008, Dan became Director of the Johnson County Area Agency on Aging. He served in that position for 13 years. During his time as AAA Director, Dan was elected by his peers to serve four terms as Association (K4Ad) President. In October of 2021 Dan took a position with the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services as the Assistant Commissioner of Long-Term Care Supports & Services.

Dan was a Kansas licensed social worker from 1990 through November 2021 and received a Certification in Public Management from the University of Kansas in 2007. He graduated from the Leadership SRS Program in 2004 and the State of Kansas Executive Development Program in 2000.

Kansas Advocates for Better Care was launched in 1975 as Kansans for the Improvement of Nursing Homes. The mission has always been the same: a dedication to improving the quality of long-term care for older Kansans, at home and in residential settings.

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