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## *Robert Gebbia to Lead 2018 National Health Council Board of Directors*

**Washington, DC — Dec. 12, 2017** — At its annual membership meeting today, the National Health Council (NHC) elected its officers and new members of the Board of Directors for 2018. **Robert T. Gebbia**, Chief Executive Officer of the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention will be the Chairperson of the NHC Board of Directors for 2018. Other members of the 2018 Executive Committee will be: Chairperson-Elect **Steve Taylor**, Chief Executive Officer, Sjögren’s Syndrome Foundation; Vice Chairperson **Ann Palmer**, President & Chief Executive Officer, Arthritis Foundation; Secretary **Chip Davis**, President & Chief Executive Officer, Association for Accessible Medicines; Treasurer **Cassandra McCullough**, Chief Executive Officer, Association of Black Cardiologists; and Immediate Past Chairperson **Cyndi Zagieboylo**, President & Chief Executive Officer, National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

“Bob has the passion and vision that will be essential as we develop a new Strategic Plan in 2018,” said Marc Boutin, JD, Chief Executive Officer of the National Health Council. “His leadership in addition to the excellent slate of new and returning Board members will enable NHC to continue our work of putting patients first in policy and treatment development.”

New members joining the NHC Board of Directors are: **Diana Gray**, Chief Executive Officer, Hydrocephalus Association; **Matt Eyles**, Senior Executive Vice President & COO, America’s Health Insurance Plans; **Henry Moehring**, President & Chief Executive Officer, Alpha-1 Foundation; and **Lisa Simpson**, President & Chief Executive Officer, Academy Health.

These new members join current Board members: **LaVarne Burton**, President & Chief Executive Officer, American Kidney Fund; **Elizabeth Fowler**, Vice President, Global Health Policy, Johnson & Johnson; **Patricia Furlong**, Founding President and CEO, Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy; **Katharine Knobil**, Chief Medical Officer, Pharmaceuticals, GlaxoSmithKline; **Dory Kranz**, Chief Executive Officer, National Alopecia Areata Foundation; **Hal Paz**, Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, Aetna; **Richard Pops**, Chief Executive Officer, Alkermes; **Gary Reedy**, Chief Executive Officer, American Cancer Society; **Sue Sherman**, Executive Director, The LAM Foundation; and **Stephen Ubl**, President & Chief Executive Officer, PhRMA.

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*Founded in 1920, the NHC is the only organization that brings together all segments of the health community to provide a united voice for the more than 133 million people with chronic diseases and disabilities and their family caregivers. Made up of more than 100 national health-*

*related organizations and businesses, the NHC's core membership includes the nation's leading patient advocacy organizations, which control its governance and policy-making process. Other members include professional and membership associations, nonprofit organizations with an interest in health, and representatives from the pharmaceutical, generic drug, health insurance, device, biotechnology, and communications industries. Learn more at: <http://www.nationalhealthcouncil.org>*