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**The National Association for Regulatory Administration (NARA)
Announces New Executive Director**

Former NARA president-elect Jim Murphy assumes leadership post

Minneapolis, Minn. – January 18, 2017 – The National Association for Regulatory Administration (NARA), an international nonprofit association representing all human care, including adult care, child care, and child welfare services, is pleased to announce the hiring of new executive director, [Jim Murphy](#), effective immediately. Murphy previously served as NARA’s president elect.

Upon an extensive, nationwide search, Murphy was hired for the position by Management HQ, an association management company which provides NARA with staffing and administrative services.

“After a thorough review and hiring process, Management HQ felt, and the NARA board of directors agreed, that Jim is uniquely qualified to help NARA continue to build on its recent actions to position the association for long-term growth,” said Tara Lynne Orłowski, president of NARA. “We are confident that Jim is the ideal candidate who will successfully lead NARA in a direction aligned with our strategic priorities.”

Murphy had been serving as NARA’s president elect since 2015, where he also served on the association’s Professional Development, Administration and Bylaws, and Non Profit Best Practices Committees. In addition to his involvement with NARA, Jim is also a member of the Child and Youth Care Certification Board’s (CYCCB) national advisory committee.

“I cannot think of a better position than being the executive director of NARA,” said Murphy. “The position will allow me to continue to serve and make quality improvement contributions to the human services and nonprofit fields. I am looking forward to working with NARA’s board and its members to create and implement new educational initiatives as well as new benefits for the association’s members.”

Prior to his new role as NARA’s executive director, Jim was an independent consultant providing quality improvement, organizational assessment, leadership development, program improvement and policy development to child, youth, adult and family serving organizations. He is considered an expert in board recruitment, training and advisement, fundraising and grant writing, program development, and strategic planning.

Murphy attended the State University of New York College at Brockport where he earned a B.S. in psychology, and the Institute for Non-profit Management at Columbia University Graduate School of Business earning a graduate certificate in executive leadership. He is also the recipient of several

awards, including the *Top 25 Most Influential People in Afterschool*, named by the National AfterSchool Association (NAA), as well as NARA's *President's Award*.

About the National Association for Regulatory Administration

The National Association for Regulatory Administration (NARA) is an international non-profit professional association founded in 1976, representing all human care licensing, including adult residential and assisted living, adult day care, child care, child welfare and program licensing for services related to mental illness, developmental disabilities and abuse of drugs or alcohol. Among NARA's partners are providers, consumers and their families, regulators, advocates, concerned citizens, business and religious communities, policy-makers, universities, researchers, and allied professionals from the academic, technical and treatment disciplines. NARA's mission is promote the safeguarding of children, youth and adults through the effective formulation, application and enforcement of licensing statutes and rules; to develop educational materials and professional development resources on regulatory administration appropriate for the general public, licensing practitioners, and educational institutions; and to provide technical assistance to policy makers on the operation and management of the regulatory process. For more, visit www.naralicensing.org.

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