American Holistic Nurses Association (AHNA) Executive Director, Terri Roberts, JD, RN, elected as Organizational Affiliate Liaison to the American Nurses Association

Terri Roberts JD, RN Executive Director of the American Holistic Nurses Association (AHNA), was recently elected as the Organization Affiliate Liaison to the American Nurses Association (ANA) Board of Directors through June 2018. ANA has thirty-six organizational affiliates which are the specialty nursing organizations in the United States that hold organizational-level membership of ANA. Working together, ANA and the organizational affiliates, like AHNA, nationally headquartered in Topeka, share information and collaborate in finding solutions to issues that face the nursing profession and advance care provided by registered nurses. While each of the Organizational Affiliates maintains its own autonomy, the nursing profession and health care consumers benefit from opportunities to speak with aligned voices as a result of the collaboration that occurs between ANA and the affiliates.

About Terri Roberts:

Terri served as the Interim Executive Director of AHNA from February 2012 until December 1, 2012 when she was hired as the permanent Executive Director. For 23 years, Terri served as the Executive Director of the Kansas State Nurses Association (KSNA), representing KSNA and professional nurses before the Kansas Legislature, state agencies and in interactions with other healthcare organizations. She was the Editor In-Chief of The Kansas Nurse, a refereed journal, and the Editor of a Legislative Newsletter that was published weekly during the Kansas legislative session each year.

Terri is a 1978 graduate of Washburn University School of Nursing and is licensed as an RN in Kansas, and she is a 1982 graduate of Washburn University School of Law. She has served on numerous committees and task forces in Kansas and for the American Nurses Association and she is a past president of the Kansas Society of Association Executives (KSAE), serving in a several elected leadership positions for KSAE from 2002 until 2006. Her clinical experience is in medical surgical, cardiac and GI nursing and she has a passion for reducing tobacco consumption and promoting healthier lifestyles.

About AHNA
At its founding in 1981, the American Holistic Nurses Association (AHNA) adopted as its primary mission the advancement of holistic healthcare by increasing awareness and promoting education as well as personal community-building among nurses, other healthcare professionals and the public. This professional specialty nursing membership organization is becoming the definitive voice for holistic nursing for registered nurses and other holistic healthcare professionals around the world. Holistic nursing focuses on integrating traditional, complementary and integrative treatment opportunities to improve the physical, mental, emotional and relational health of the whole person.

AHNA delivers valuable resources, improves educational tools, and offers superior networking opportunities to a vibrant and expanding universe of healthcare professionals. AHNA currently services almost 4,500 members through 143 local chapters/networks in the U.S. and abroad.

Holistic nursing is recognized by the American Nurses Association as an official nursing specialty with both a defined scope and standards of practice.

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