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AzNA Board of Directors Announces New CEO

PHOENIX, AZ - Following the exploration of CEO and leadership options from the Transition Workgroup and the AzNA Board, AzNA is excited to announce that Wendy Knefelkamp has been promoted to the position as Chief Executive Officer, effective immediately. Knefelkamp, who has acted as Interim CEO since January, was appointed to the permanent role with unanimous support from the Board at our recent meeting on May 16, 2023.

Knefelkamp has been with AzNA since 2014, serving in roles such as Communications Manager, Director of Operations, and now, CEO. Her goal has always been to develop an association that serves both its members and the nursing profession, and we are certain she will continue to lead AzNA with this purpose in mind. During her tenure with the organization, she has built a portfolio of expertise leading to her recent achievement of becoming a Certified Association Executive.

Knefelkamp is well-positioned to lead ongoing AzNA efforts to elevate the voice of nurses in Arizona. As we move into this new chapter of leadership, we invite you to get involved in the spaces that interest you. We look forward to partnering with each of you in continuing to advance the nursing profession and promoting a healthy Arizona.

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Since 1919, the Arizona Nurses Association has been helping nurses navigate an increasingly complex healthcare environment. AzNA is the largest and most widely recognized professional nursing organization in Arizona with members from all practice roles and settings. Its mission is to advance the nursing profession in order to promote a healthy Arizona.