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## **Connecticut Association for Healthcare at Home elects new board members**

**Wallingford, Conn., January 20, 2014** — The Connecticut Association for Healthcare at Home recently elected four home healthcare executives to its volunteer board of directors for 2014: Todd Rose as board chairman; Kimberly Nystrom as chair-elect, Allison Dowe as secretary and Michele Gorat as treasurer. They join Theresa Santoro, vice chair and Richard Corcoran, immediate past chair.

Rose is president and CEO of [Visiting Nurse & Health Services of Connecticut, Inc.](#) and vice president of post acute care at [Eastern Connecticut Health Network](#). With 20 years' executive leadership experience in home healthcare and hospice, he holds a B.S. in accounting and finance from Springfield College and an MBA from the University of Hartford.

Nystrom is president of [New England Home Care, Inc.](#) With 25 years' experience in clinical home care and law to the association's advocacy initiatives and programs, she holds a B.S. in Nursing from Vanderbilt University School of Nursing and a J.D. from the University of Georgia School of Law.

Dowe is director of business development for [Middlesex Hospital](#). With a background in mergers and acquisitions, new business development and strategic initiatives, she joined Middlesex Hospital in 2008 as director of finance for its home care department.

Gorat is executive director of [Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association, Inc. \(SVNA\)](#). She worked at Sharon Hospital as director of patient financial services and as revenue cycle coordinator, and at Danbury Hospital and Stamford Hospital. Gorat earned her BS in health systems management from the University of Connecticut School of Business.

### **About the Connecticut Association for Healthcare at Home**

The Connecticut Association for Healthcare at Home is the industry champion for quality, cost-effective home health, hospice and community-based solutions. Our members combine over 100 years of experience with 21st century technology to successfully coordinate, transition and manage people's care within the community.

We lead the advancement of home health and hospice care by:

- Advocating on behalf of our members on legislative and regulatory issues
- Working diligently to make exceptional person-centered, quality-driven, community based care accessible to Connecticut residents
- Supporting the use of technology to improve clinical outcomes, manage costs and enhance association value
- Responding to our members' needs for information, education and resources
- Working collaboratively with others who share our values and mission

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