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Elizabeth Summy, CAE, Named New ACHE Executive Vice President/COO

CHICAGO, July 18, 2013—The American College of Healthcare Executives has named Elizabeth Summy, CAE, as its new executive vice president/COO. Summy, 49, joined ACHE on June 28. As COO, Summy will provide executive leadership for the organization in the areas of career services, communications and marketing, Health Administration Press (ACHE's book publishing division), human resources, management information systems, member services, performance excellence and professional development.

Summy previously served as vice president, Division of Personal Membership Groups, at the American Hospital Association. In that role since 2008, she led the division's efforts to serve nine of AHA's professional societies representing 35,000 members and 6,500 certified professionals.

Before that, Summy served as executive director of the American Society for Risk Management, a personal membership group of the AHA. Prior to joining AHA, she served as deputy chief of staff to the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services. She was also the director of education and policy for Mercy Hospital Medical Center, Des Moines, Iowa.

"We are so pleased that Elizabeth Summy, an experienced healthcare association executive, will be joining ACHE," says ACHE President/CEO Deborah J. Bowen, FACHE, CAE. "Liz has an impressive list of accomplishments that will serve her well in her new role and in ACHE's continuing efforts to advance our members and the healthcare management field during this dynamic era."

Summy currently serves as chair of the Association Forum of Chicagoland's CEOnly Executive Program and serves on the American Society of Association Executives' CAE Item Writing Committee. She earned a master's degree in healthcare administration from Des Moines (Iowa) University and a bachelor's degree from the University of Iowa. Summy is a Certified Association Executive.

Summy succeeds ACHE's previous executive vice president/COO, Bowen, who became ACHE's president/CEO on May 13.

About the American College of Healthcare Executives

The **American College of Healthcare Executives** is an international professional society of more than 40,000 healthcare executives who lead hospitals, healthcare systems and other healthcare organizations. ACHE offers its prestigious FACHE® credential, signifying board certification in healthcare management. ACHE's established network of more than 80 chapters provides access to networking, education and career development at the local level. In addition, ACHE is known for its magazine, *Healthcare Executive*, and its career development and public policy programs. Through such efforts, ACHE works toward its goal of being the premier professional society for healthcare executives dedicated to improving healthcare delivery. **The Foundation of the American College of Healthcare Executives** was established to further advance healthcare management excellence through education and research. The Foundation of ACHE is known for its educational programs—including the annual Congress on Healthcare Leadership, which draws more than 4,500 participants—and groundbreaking research. Its publishing division, Health Administration Press,

is one of the largest publishers of books and journals on health services management including textbooks for college and university courses.

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