

Axis Community Health

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Axis Community Health Names Sue Compton New CEO

Pleasanton, Calif. – Axis Community Health, providing medical, mental health, substance abuse counseling and health education services to residents of the Tri-Valley, has named Sue Compton, B.S.N, M.H.S. as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO), effective December 1, 2007. She will succeed Ronald Greenspane, who is retiring.

Ms. Compton joined Axis Community Health (then Valley Community Health Center) in 1981 as family planning coordinator. She became director of administrative services in 1983 and assistant director in 1987. She held that position until 1999, when she left the organization for a brief time, returning in 2001 as associate executive director under Mr. Greenspane.

As Associate Executive Director, Ms. Compton's responsibilities have included all aspects of program development and management; financial responsibilities such as budgeting, grant writing and reporting; contract and personnel management; and community relations responsibilities. While Associate Executive Director, Ms. Compton managed all contracts, serving 14,000 persons and providing 100,000 patient/client visits annually. Other notable accomplishments included creation of Axis Community Health's Strategic Plan and the raising of \$2.6 million in support of the organization. She also generated the concept and funding for Axis' Livermore clinic expansion project and the Women's Clinic, which is scheduled to begin operation in 2008.

As Axis' advocate for health and wellness in the Tri-Valley, Ms. Compton has worked with Human Services Commissions, Chambers of Commerce and community organizations and established working relationships with Tri-Valley cities, Alameda County, Community Health Center Network, Alameda Health Consortium and local foundations. Recently, she was appointed to Congressman Gerald McNerney's Health Advisory Board.

Ms. Compton earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) degree from Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, and her Master of Health System Leadership (M.H.S.) from the University of San Francisco. She and her husband have resided in Pleasanton, Calif. since 1988 and have two sons.

“Axis’ Board of Directors selected Sue unanimously from a pool of 25 applicants, acknowledging that she is the best-qualified person to lead the organization into the future,” says Axis’ current CEO, Ronald Greenspane. “She is a well-respected member of the Tri-Valley’s healthcare sector who possesses an unparalleled combination of professional expertise, experience with the organization, community awareness and dedication to our stakeholders. She will do a fine job leading Axis in its ongoing mission of health and wellness for the entire community.”

About Axis Community Health

Axis Community Health offers medical, mental health, substance abuse counseling and health education services to residents of the Tri-Valley. Founded in 1972 as a licensed nonprofit organization, Axis serves 14,000 community members annually through direct services and school- and community-based education, prevention and treatment programs. It operates facilities in Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin. Axis is supported by local, state and federal funding, foundation grants, client revenues and community donations. Detailed information is available at www.axishealth.org.

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