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Molly Davies Named President and CEO of WISE & Healthy Aging



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President and CEO,
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SANTA MONICA, CALIF. (July 5, 2022) – WISE & Healthy Aging’s Board of Directors today announced that Molly Davies, LCSW, has been named President and CEO of WISE & Healthy Aging.

Davies has spent the past 20 years of her career at WISE & Healthy Aging, having most recently served as Executive Vice President, leading the Long-Term Care Ombudsman (LTC), Elder Abuse Prevention, and the organization’s Care Management services.

“With 20 years serving our most vulnerable older adults, Molly is uniquely prepared to lead WISE & Healthy Aging,” said Paul Watkins, Chairman of the Board at WISE & Healthy Aging and President & CEO, Northridge Hospital Medical Center. “Molly’s leadership and expertise will greatly benefit our efforts to provide the best possible services to the growing numbers of older adults and their caregivers, especially during these times of unprecedented and rapid change.”

A longtime advocate for the elderly and disabled at WISE & Healthy Aging, Davies has overseen all aspects of its LTC Ombudsman and Elder Abuse Prevention Programs. WISE & Healthy Aging is the sole contractor of Ombudsman Services in the City and County of Los Angeles and San Bernardino – the largest counties in the state by population and geography respectively - with 10 offices located throughout both counties covering a total of 2,129 facilities and the capacity to serve 87,808 residents living in skilled nursing and residential care facilities.

Davies oversight of these programs and services included leading program development, policy implementation and advocacy efforts, establishing a graduate level ombudsman internship program, creating the widely respected Holistic Elder Abuse Response Team (HEART), that provides case management, therapy, legal system

advocacy, and emergency funds to survivors of elder abuse in community and facility settings. She also led a statewide effort to increase funding for Ombudsman programs in California through the state budget process, which generated more than \$5 million for WISE & Healthy Aging since 2015.

As a licensed clinical social worker, Molly has also led WISE & Healthy Aging's Case Management program where she had oversight of the team responsible for coordinating care and services for older adults wishing to remain in their homes.

"I am excited to lead an amazing organization and honored to work with such highly committed, talented employees," said Davies. "I look forward to the challenge of continuing to develop innovative programs and services that meet the changing needs of older adults and their caregivers in both the community and facility setting."

Davies holds a bachelor's degree in Sociology from UCLA and a master's degree in Social Work from California State University Long Beach. She is founding member of the California Elder Justice Coalition and outgoing President of the California LTC Ombudsman Association as she assumes her new role as President and CEO of WISE & Healthy Aging.

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About WISE & Healthy Aging

WISE & Healthy Aging is a multiservice, community-based nonprofit organization serving older adults and their families and caregivers throughout Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties. Headquartered in Santa Monica, the team at WISE & Healthy Aging works to advance the dignity and quality of life of older adults through leadership, advocacy and high-quality, innovative services.