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Collabria Care President and CEO Linda Gibson to Retire

Napa, CA—December 13, 2018: Collabria Care today announced that President and CEO Linda Gibson, BSN, MBA, is retiring, effective January 31, 2019.

Gibson has served in this role for nine years and has been instrumental in ensuring the growth and sustainability of Collabria Care, which has become recognized as one of the most innovative nonprofit organizations in the state to focus on caring for those dealing with the transitions of aging, learning to live with serious illness, and facing the end of life.

With Gibson's dedication to ensuring that all have access to excellent healthcare as they age, Collabria Care not only saw strong growth in its core hospice and adult day programs during her tenure, but launched several new programs to address unmet needs in the Napa County community. These included a community-based palliative care program, a hospital-to-home care program that reduces hospital readmissions, and the new UpValley Village, which provides resources and assistance to help seniors remain independent and in their own homes. She launched Collabria Care's annual Advances in Palliative Care Conference for medical professionals across California to share research findings, best practices and tools to support the growing palliative care movement.

Gibson also spearheaded both the organization's rebrand in 2016 to reflect its wider spectrum of care and the strategic partnerships it entered into to ensure its long-term viability as a non-profit—including Collabria Care's integration in 2018 with St. Joseph Home Care Network.

"It has been an honor and a joy to work with such a committed and compassionate team," says Gibson, "from our staff to our volunteers to our board of directors to our sponsors and donors. Together, they make it possible for a non-profit organization like ours to address the changing healthcare needs of our community, even as the healthcare industry becomes increasingly for-profit. I can't tell you how much I love this organization.

"We began developing a succession plan four years ago to ensure a smooth transition for when I was ready to retire. Now that the time feels right for me, I am confident that the organization is in good hands."

"Linda has been a visionary leader and instrumental in Collabria Care's growth from a small agency to one of the largest and most respected agencies in Napa County," says Deborah Macdonald, chair

of the Collabria Care board of directors. “We are proud of her stewardship of this organization and commitment to this community, and know her efforts have touched—and will continue to touch—the lives of so many.”

Prior to joining Collabria Care, Gibson served as COO of St. Helena Hospital Clearlake; Senior Vice President, Operations of St. Helena Hospital; and Nurse Manager at Loma Linda University Medical Center. She is a strong advocate of community-based palliative care, advance care planning and end-of-life care. She is a member of the Executive Committee of Honoring Choices Napa Valley, and is involved in several other local, statewide and national health care-related organizations.

The Collabria Care board of directors has appointed Director of Operations Celine Regalia, MSW, MA CCC-SLP, as Interim Executive Director, upon Gibson’s departure.

Since its founding in 1979, Collabria Care (formerly known as Napa Valley Hospice & Adult Day Services) has become the leading center for community-based care delivery and resources in the North Bay for those facing transitions of aging, Alzheimer’s disease and other serious illnesses or the end of life.

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