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# Openhouse Welcomes Dr. Karyn Skultety as its Next Executive Director

San Francisco, CA — Openhouse (OH) today announced Dr. Karyn Skultety as its next Executive Director. Karyn is a proven leader, clinician and innovator in the field of senior services. Openhouse is an agency dedicated to serving LGBT older adults in San Francisco.

This appointment comes on the heels of Openhouse realizing a founding vision of the organization—to create affordable housing for LGBT seniors. The opening of 55 Laguna, combined with a second affordable housing building that will begin construction in 2017, provides 119 units of LGBT-welcoming senior housing—the first in San Francisco and one of the largest developments in the nation.

"We cast a wide net for a visionary leader who blended a commitment to serving LGBT seniors with a proven track record of nurturing partnerships—we are delighted that we found that person right here in San Francisco in Karyn Skultety," said Bill Scherer, President of the Board of Directors. "Karyn has built a career providing innovative solutions and services for aging adults. As Openhouse prepares to enter its second decade of service, her strategic vision, leadership, and expertise will be essential."

Karyn is currently the Vice President of Health Services at Institute on Aging (IOA), and will begin her position with Openhouse on February 13, 2017. Over her eight-year tenure at IOA, Karyn served as the senior staff person in several key program areas. As the Vice President of Health Services, she oversees a budget of more than $15 million and over 150 staff members. Prior to her work at IOA, Karyn served as Associate Director of Education and Evaluation at the Geriatric Research Education and Clinical Center (VA Palo Alto Healthcare System).

Karyn's vision, leadership, and ability to build effective strategic partnerships will serve OH well as it expands services to meet the needs of an expanding aging LGBT community. "I am thrilled to become Openhouse's Executive Director," said Karyn Skultety. "As the only agency in the Bay Area with a mission targeting LGBT seniors, the services provided by Openhouse have never been more important or needed more. Openhouse has accomplished so much, but there is much more that must be done to ensure our community members receive the services they need and that we advocate for their wise and powerful voices to be heard- locally and across the nation. I look forward to working with the Board of Directors, the staff, community members and network of partners."

Dr. Skultety received her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Massachusetts, and earned her undergraduate degree at Johns Hopkins University.

Founded in San Francisco in 1998, Openhouse works to reduce isolation and empower LGBT seniors to improve their health, well-being and economic security. This month, Openhouse will open the new Bob Ross LGBT Senior Center. Together with a second building to start construction in a few months, these new facilities will be a vibrant hub that San Francisco's LGBT seniors will call their own.

For more information about Openhouse, visit the website at www.openhouse-sf.org. Please direct questions to Tim Daniels, Interim Executive Director, at (415) 296-8995 x308, or tim@openhouse-sf.org.

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