

## **PUBLIC HEALTH SOLUTIONS PRESIDENT & CEO ELLEN RAUTENBERG TO RETIRE IN SUMMER 2015**

NEW YORK, January 7, 2015 – The Board of Directors of Public Health Solutions announced today that Ellen Rautenberg will be retiring after 20 years with the organization, including 18 as President & CEO. Ms. Rautenberg will remain in her current role until Summer 2015 or longer if necessary to ensure a smooth transition. The executive search firm Spencer Stuart has been retained to conduct a nationwide search for a new leader under the direction of the Board's search committee.

"Ellen Rautenberg's intelligence, dedication and leadership of Public Health Solutions are unparalleled and she leaves a legacy of accomplishments that will last long into the future," said Deborah Sale, Chairperson of the Board of Directors. "We are not the same organization that we were in the mid-1990s when Ellen arrived – we have addressed both old and new public health challenges and Ellen deserves enormous credit for creatively managing change, thoughtfully growing our portfolio and wisely addressing both the ups and the downs of a large and complex nonprofit like Public Health Solutions. Our service delivery, research and capacity building programs have all broadened and deepened during her tenure. Today, Public Health Solutions is one of the pillars of public health practice locally as well as in the State and the nation."

Commenting on her years with Public Health Solutions, Ms. Rautenberg said, "My time here has been hugely challenging and energizing. It has been my privilege to be able to lead change in a wide and diverse set of public health issues and often succeed in measurably improving the health of individuals and communities. I am confident that Public Health Solutions, under the leadership of an expert Board and talented staff, will continue to grow, prosper, and successfully address public health challenges for many years to come."

Public Health Solutions was founded in 1957 as the Medical and Health Research Association of New York City. Today, with a budget of \$220M and 650 employees, the organization is known for its service delivery in low income neighborhoods, such as the State's largest WIC program serving 46,000 clients, home-visiting programs for new mothers, and health insurance enrollment activities that have helped more than 100,000 obtain insurance. Its research portfolio focuses on preventing HIV transmission, reducing unintended pregnancy and improving nutrition/reducing obesity. Its capacity building work includes developing networks of care for people living with HIV/AIDS, as well as preventing HIV transmission through contracts with hundreds of community-based organizations, assisting New York City with emergency preparedness activities, carrying out clinical quality improvement programs, and serving as the fiscal sponsor of other 501(c)(3) organizations. Public Health Solutions also carries out a nationwide program aimed at improving school food by changing how procurement takes place at the school district level.

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