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In Support of Older Adults

NH State Commission on Aging Welcomes New Members

Concord, NH: (November 9, 2022) Citing their broad and significant experience in state issues and programs connected to older adults, the NH Commission on Aging (NHCOA) is pleased to welcome **Roxie Severance of Whitefield** and **Rep. Lucy McVitty Weber** of Walpole as new members.

"We're thrilled and excited to have Roxie and Lucy join us," said **Rebecca Sky**, Executive Director of the Commission. "Each will bring valuable practical experience and critical insights to our work on behalf of older adults in the Granite State.

Formed in 2019 through a legislative process, the Commission is comprised of advocates, state employees and elected officials from across NH who advise the Governor and General Court on policy and planning related to aging. The Commission seeks to advance forward thinking public policy and initiatives that ensure we can all thrive and be valued as we age.

Since 2017 Ms. Severance has served principal in her own consulting firm, RS Consulting LLC. In this role she assists organizations with all aspects of quality services for seniors, including consulting regarding workforce development, strategic planning, and special projects. Currently she contracts with Southern NH AHEC to implement the Sector Partnerships Initiative program in an effort to recruit and train healthcare workers.

Previously she served as the CEO and Administrator for the Morrison Hospital Association in Whitefield, NH, an 81-bed nonprofit nursing home and assisted living organization. She has also worked as an Elderly Services Coordinator for New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority where she played a leadership role in managing the REAP program.

She currently serves on a variety of advisory groups and boards including the Department of Education, Career & Technical Education Advisory Board, Forward Fund and Strategic Plan Advisors, River Valley Community College Advisory Committee for Nursing Programs, North Country Home Health and Hospice Agency Board Chair, North Country Healthcare Board Secretary, The Caleb Group Board Member, and as a board member of the Whitefield Economic Development Corporation (previously as board president).). She was also former board chair of New Hampshire Healthcare Association.

Ms. Weber has served as a State Representative of Cheshire District 1 since December 2006. She currently is the Ranking Member of the House Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs Committee. During the 2019-2020 session, she was the House Speaker Pro Tempore and chaired the Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs Committee as well as the Health and Human Services Oversight Committee. Over her tenure as a State Representative, she has served on a variety of committees including the Child and Family Law Committee, Legislative Administration Committee, Rules Committee, Commission to Review Child Abuse Fatalities, Legislative Performance Audit Oversight Committee, Executive Departments and Administration Committee, Gaming Regulatory Oversight Authority, Judiciary Committee, Special Committee on Redistricting. She has also served as the Assistant Democratic Leader and Democratic Parliamentarian at times and chaired the Cheshire County Delegation.

She began her professional career in the field of education, then worked for over a decade as lawyer practicing in many areas of law including elder law. She then served as the general contractor restoring an historic county inn. From July 1999 to July 2006, she co-owned the Walpole Inn in Walpole, New Hampshire. There she oversaw day-to-day responsibility for all financial aspects of the country inn with eight guest rooms and dining facilities for 140.

Over the years, representative Weber has contributed to her community serving on a number of boards and committees including but not limited to: Walpole NH Zoning Board of Adjustment, Friends of the Walpole Town Library, Walpole Historic Society, Brattleboro Memorial Hospital Ethics Committee, Advisory Committee of the Windham County Volunteer

Guardians, Brattleboro Museum an Art Center, Brattleboro Area Adult Day Services/ The Gathering Place, National Academy of ElderLaw Attorneys. She is currently serving as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Guardian ad Litem.

The NH State Commission On Aging meets monthly and the community is welcome and invited to attend. In person and remote participation options are available. To learn more, please visit: Commission on Aging | State of New Hampshire (nh.gov)