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### LeadingAge RI Announces 2013 Slate of Officers

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND, March 11, 2013: LeadingAge RI, the professional organization representing not-for-profit nursing homes, assisted living facilities, senior housing providers, and adult day health centers, has announced its board leadership team for 2013.

**Matthew Trimble** will serve as president. Trimble's full-time position is administrator of the Saint Elizabeth Home in East Greenwich. In this capacity, Trimble directs the day-to-day operations of a 120-bed Medicare/Medicaid facility with a 40-bed Alzheimer's special care unit and a 28-bed short-term rehabilitation unit. He has been with The Saint Elizabeth Community since 1995. Trimble currently resides in Harrisville with his wife and two children. He received his bachelor's degree in health management and policy from the University of New Hampshire and has served on various professional and civic boards, including Healthcentric Advisors (board member), Town of Burrillville (eight-year member of the budget board), and as treasurer, vice president and president of the Rhode Island Chapter of the American College of Health Care Administrators. Trimble is a graduate of the 2012 Theta II class of Leadership Rhode Island.

**Sandra Cullen** will serve as vice president of LeadingAge RI. Cullen is property administrator of Winslow Gardens where she is responsible for the development, implementation, evaluation and direction of the facility as well as its programs and activities. She began her career with United Methodist Elder Care in 1994 as a licensed practicing nurse and earned an associate's degree in nursing from the Community College of Rhode Island. Cullen, a resident of Cranston, is a licensed assisted living administrator and is a certified occupancy specialist through the New England National Affordable Housing Management Association.

**Wendy Fargnoli** has been named treasurer. Fargnoli currently works as executive director of the Saint Antoine Residence where she is responsible for oversight of a 260-bed skilled nursing facility and 76-apartment assisted living facility; 400+ employees, and a \$20 million budget. Prior to joining the Saint Antoine Community, Fargnoli worked with the Saint Claire Home. She holds dual bachelor's degrees in psychology and philosophy from the University of Rhode Island. Fargnoli and her husband, Ron, reside in Jamestown.

**Susan Adler** was elected to serve as secretary. Adler has been working the Jewish Seniors Agency since 2000. She serves as director of The Louis Goldie Chester Full Plate Kosher Food Pantry, as director of Jewish Eldercare of Rhode Island, and, as director of the To Life Center Adult Day Services. Adler graduated from Adelphi University with a BA in communications. She resides in Cranston with her husband of 24 years and is a mother to two children, Joshua and Shoshana.

**Cynthia Conant-Arp**, executive director of the Hope Alzheimer's is immediate past president of the organization.

LeadingAge RI was founded in 1989 and represents the continuum of long-term care providers in Rhode Island, including not-for-profit nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and senior housing providers, as well as adult day health centers.

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