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Martha Saly Leaving Executive Director Post at National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable

NVHR Chair, Michael Ninburg, announced today that executive director, Martha Saly, will resign from her position effective March 1, 2014. Saly has been with NVHR since 2005, first as an elected member of the steering committee, later as administrator, and then executive director. During her tenure at NVHR the coalition grew from about 80 to 250 member organizations nationwide. Most recently, under Saly's leadership, NVHR was awarded a cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) aimed at increasing the number of baby boomers tested for hepatitis C in the United States.

"Martha has been such an integral part of NVHR and we will miss her," said Ninburg. "She brought us her perspective as a patient, a consultant, and a consummate collaborator. Martha assures us that she is not closing the book on viral hepatitis, but rather, is starting a new chapter." Prior to working at NVHR, Saly was a senior consultant at the Center for Health Improvement in Sacramento, California, where she consulted on public health programs and directed viral hepatitis initiatives. In 2012, she was awarded a community service award by the California Hepatitis Alliance and this year was honored by the American Liver Foundation of Northern California with its Salute to Excellence Award.

NVHR will convene an executive search immediately. Ryan Clary, NVHR's director of public policy, will serve as interim executive director upon Saly's departure.

About NVHR:

Formed in 2003, the National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable (NVHR) is a coalition of public, private and voluntary organizations dedicated to reducing the incidence of infection, morbidity and mortality from viral hepatitis in the United States. NVHR is a fiscally sponsored project of San Francisco based Community initiatives. www.nvhr.org , www.communityin.org