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# NEWSROOM

## ACHIEVEability Names Susan Patton as Interim CEO

PHILADELPHIA – ACHIEVEability’s Board of Directors announced today that Susan Patton has been selected as the organization’s interim chief executive officer (CEO).

“We welcome Susan’s leadership and experience to the ACHIEVEability family,” says Board Chair Thomas Flippen. “She will provide leadership focused on expanding ACHIEVEability’s Family Self-Sufficiency Program, community engagement initiatives, and community revitalization opportunities while the Board of Directors conducts a search for a permanent CEO.”

Susan is an experienced leader, consultant and coach in organization strategy, restructuring and transformation with a specialty in change management and human resource program design. She is recognized as a passionate champion for leadership, diversity and human development.



“I am very excited about joining ACHIEVEability,” Patton said. “Over the past 31 years, ACHIEVEability has become a pillar in the West Philadelphia community through the one-of-a-kind Family Self-Sufficiency Program and the Community Office. I am looking forward to working with ACHIEVEability’s Board, staff, local community

members and most importantly, our participants to move these great programs forward and to break the generational cycle of poverty.”

Susan served in several executive roles at Merck & Co, Inc. from 2004 through 2011. Most recently, she was Vice President of HR providing comprehensive organizational and talent management support to the corporate functions. Prior to joining Merck, Susan was a Principal in the Central Region with Towers Watson – a leading global HR consulting firm - where she spent

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nearly a decade in roles of increasing responsibility. At Towers Watson, she specialized in large-scale organizational change and served as North American Leader for Mergers & Acquisitions. Susan began her career in reinsurance underwriting and sales at NAC Reinsurance, Incorporated. She recently completed a sabbatical for pro-bono consulting and extensive cultural exploration through rural Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the United States.

Susan has a Master of Management in both management & strategy and marketing from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University and a B.A. from Yale University.

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