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SARA JOHNSON, JESSICA GROSSMEIER NAMED CO-EDITORS OF THE ART & SCIENCE OF HEALTH PROMOTION

South Kingstown, RI and Waconia, MN (February 2, 2017)—Sara Johnson, Ph.D., and Jessica Grossmeier, Ph.D., MPH, have been named co-editors of *The Art & Science of Health Promotion (TAHP)*. *TAHP* is a special section of the *American Journal of Health Promotion (AJHP)*, a leading scientific periodical produced by SAGE for research that advances healthy behaviors and communities. Johnson, who is co-president and CEO of <u>Pro-Change Behavior Systems, Inc.</u> will share the role with Grossmeier, who is vice president of research of <u>HERO</u> (the Health Enhancement Research Organization), a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing best practices in health promotion and well-being in the workplace and communities.

Johnson and Grossmeier will succeed Paul Terry, Ph.D., president and CEO of HERO, who recently assumed the role of editor in chief of *AJHP*. *AJHP* regularly covers health promotion research topics, including mental, social, spiritual, and physical health and well-being; and intervention strategies for building healthy workplaces and designing effective behavior change programs.

"We're excited to embrace the formidable challenge of continuing Paul's more than five-year tradition of excellence in *TAHP*. He has set a wonderful example for Jessica and I in helping to inform the work of health promotion practitioners nationwide by identifying, curating, and providing brilliant and thought-provoking insight into cutting-edge concepts, authors, and health promotion initiatives," said Johnson.

The editorial goal of the *AJHP* is to provide a forum for exchange among the many disciplines involved in health promotion and to provide interface between researchers and practitioners. *TAHP* is a special section of *AJHP* that highlights innovative applications of the best practices described in the *AJHP*. It is specifically dedicated to helping practitioners improve the quality of their health promotion initiatives.

"Research and the sharing of best practices is essential to the continued evolution of health and well-being programs," said Grossmeier. "*TAHP* builds on the peerreviewed research that is featured in the *AJHP* and delivers real-world guidance to help employers and practitioners create a healthy workplace and community culture that fosters population health, now and in the future."

About HERO

Based in Waconia, MN, HERO (the Health Enhancement Research Organization) is a not-forprofit, 501(c)3 corporation that was established in 1996. HERO is dedicated to identifying and sharing best practices that improve the health and well-being of employees, their families, and communities. To learn more, visit <u>www.hero-health.org</u>. Follow us on <u>Twitter</u> @heroehm or <u>LinkedIn</u>.

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