

# **Coalition of Wisconsin Healthcare & Aging Groups: Nino Amato named CWAGs new board chair & CEO and Rob Gundermann named CWAGs exec. director/president**

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The Coalition of Wisconsin Healthcare & Aging Groups Board of Directors, is proud to announce that on December 1, 2018, Rob Gundermann will officially become the new executive director and president of CWAG and A.J. Nino Amato will become CWAG's new Board Chair and Chief Executive Officer.

Rob Gundermann has been a Wisconsin lobbyist for Alzheimer's issues for more than two decades, lobbying for both the Alzheimer's Association and Alzheimer's & Dementia Alliance of Wisconsin. Most recently, Rob has become the chair of the Wisconsin Health Access Network (WHAN), which is formed to serve as a communications and resource network to keep its partners informed on access to quality healthcare issues.

"Utilizing Rob's vast experience with dementia and Alzheimer's issues will give CWAG a new strategic initiative, which will focus on empowering communities, organizations and families to cope with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia," said Nino Amato — who has been at the helm of CWAG since being hired in the fall of 2009.

"CWAG's longstanding coalition partners, along with WHAN, will be working on a number of cutting-edge programs, to be unveiled after January 1, 2019. We will be working with a number of organizations throughout Wisconsin to: (1) ensure adults

and children have access to medication they need; (2) educating the general public about the importance of vaccinations; (3) addressing the immediate need to close the gap in health disparities among adults and children of color; and (4) to break down the cost barriers to affordable healthcare and the rising costs of prescription drugs for people of all ages,” Rob Gundermann stated.

“We are honored to have Rob Gundermann as CWAG’s and we look forward to his new leadership role in shaping CWAG’s programs and strategies — which will bring together Wisconsin health care providers, along with Aging and Disability Advocates, University medical researchers and Wisconsin healthcare professionals;” said CWAG’s new Board Chair/CEO, A.J. Nino Amato