



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
Laura Smith  
(612) 455-2369  
Laura.Smith@russellherder.com

**Chris Van Gorder to Deliver Keynote Address at Health Dimensions Group  
Seventh Annual National Summit**

*Nationally Recognized Healthcare Leader to Highlight Need for Innovative Leadership in  
Times of Change*

MINNEAPOLIS (Jan. 4, 2017) – Twin Cities-based Health Dimensions Group (HDG) announced Chris Van Gorder will deliver a keynote address at its seventh annual [National Summit](#) focused on the future of post-acute care. Van Gorder, a nationally recognized healthcare leader who serves as the president and CEO of California-based Scripps Health, will discuss the need for innovative leadership for the ever-changing healthcare industry. Van Gorder's address will serve as the closing capstone to the National Summit, which takes place February 27 through March 1, 2017, at the Rancho Bernardo Inn in San Diego, California.

"This period of seismic change for the healthcare industry means that the post-acute healthcare industry needs strong leadership now more than ever," said Sergei Shvetzoff, CEO of Health Dimensions Group. "The Health Dimensions Group National Summit will share best practices and tools for improving post-acute care and we look forward to Chris sharing his acclaimed advice for leading healthcare organizations in an innovative and effective manner."

As president and CEO of Scripps Health, Van Gorder leads a nearly \$3 billion integrated health system. In that role, Van Gorder positioned Scripps as a foremost health care institution poised for the changes of health care reform. Van Gorder's unconventional career path began as a police officer, before moving into healthcare management. He was named one of the nation's "100 Most Influential People in Healthcare" eight times by Modern Healthcare magazine. Van Gorder served as 2010 chairman of the American College of Healthcare Executives. In 2014, his first book, *The Front-Line Leader: Building a High Performance Organization from the Ground Up*, was published.

Van Gorder's keynote will focus on the evolving healthcare landscape and the power of frontline leadership. Van Gorder will share real-life examples of how to build strong relationships and partnerships to lead healthcare organizations through an ever-changing industry.

The presentation is one of many sessions at the HDG National Summit. During the Summit, HDG executive leadership and consultants, as well as leaders in the industry, will present on a variety of topics related to today's healthcare challenges. The full agenda, speakers list, and registration are available at the Summit website: <http://hdgnationalsummit.com/>. Registration for the conference is available online through February 17, 2017.

—more—

### **About the National Summit**

The three-day event opens on the afternoon of Monday, February 27, with a keynote address by Nicholas J. Webb, a renowned healthcare futurist, innovator and senior partner at Lassen Scientific, Inc. Following Webb's presentation, there will be a post-keynote panel focused on how clinical, business, economic and consumer models are displacing existing healthcare models.

On the second day of the conference, attendees may choose to attend either *Leveraging the Value Proposition of Community Medicine* and *Developing Your Consumer Driven Service Line* or a second track, comprised of presentations titled *The Dynamics of Preferred Network Development* and *The Growing Role of Medicare Special Needs Plans*. An additional, optional presentation titled *Owning the Risk: A Journey into Value-Based Transformation* will end the day. The conference concludes on Wednesday with Van Gorder's closing keynote presentation *Innovative Leadership in Times of Change*.

### **About Health Dimensions Group**

For more than 25 years, HDG has designed integrated and customized solutions for hospitals, health systems, long-term and post-acute care clients across the country. HDG offers industry-leading expertise in post-acute and senior care management and consulting services.

###