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### **Epilepsy Alliance America Announces Hiring COO: Lisa Gallipoli**

Baton Rouge, LA, August 25, 2021 – Epilepsy Alliance America, a nation-wide network of community-based epilepsy organizations dedicated to providing direct care, education and support services to people living with epilepsy and the people who care for them, is growing! The Board announced today that it has hired the organization’s first dedicated staff person, Lisa Gallipoli, as Chief Operating Officer.

“Holding leadership positions at both the national office and at the chapter level of nonprofits ranging in size from \$3M to \$500M, Lisa’s experiences provide perspective that will be valuable as EAA continues to grow as a leader in the epilepsy community,” states Jeff Sinsebox, Board President, Epilepsy Alliance America.



“I am excited to join Epilepsy Alliance America. It is an honor to serve in this newly created position and provides me the opportunity to continue my lifelong passion of partnering with patient advocates,” states Lisa Gallipoli.

Lisa brings more than 25 years of experience in the not-for-profit healthcare industry to her new role. Prior to joining EAA, Lisa served as a Senior Vice President, Community Leadership at the National MS Society where she managed 12 chapters across the country working with both executive staff leaders as well as over 250 trustees. She created and implemented national strategies around board engagement. Lisa was also instrumental in building the national footprint and capacity of Autism Speaks as the National Director of Field Operations. She recruited, trained, and managed Walk committees across the country and enlisted staff and volunteer leaders for chapters while building both capacity and processes from the ground up. Lisa’s other leadership positions with patient advocacy groups include executive director roles at Susan G. Komen for the Cure, American Liver Foundation, and the American Heart Association. Lisa is a graduate of Smith College and earned a Master of Public Administration, with a concentration in non-profit management, from Seton Hall University.

#### **About the Epilepsy Alliance America**

Epilepsy Alliance America is a nation-wide network of community-based epilepsy organizations who are dedicated to confronting the spectrum of challenges created by seizures through the promotion of independence and quality of life for people with epilepsy and their families. Epilepsy Alliance America was founded in 2018 by eight leading grassroots epilepsy organizations who have unified in their mission to provide direct support to people with epilepsy, and the people who care for them. Members of Epilepsy Alliance America have been collectively supporting people with epilepsy for decades through support services, information, education, advocacy, and public awareness. As a result, the Alliance provides real epilepsy help to approximately 1 million Americans living with Epilepsy.

Epilepsy Alliance is actively accepting new members who share in our mission of supporting people with epilepsy and their families. Learn more at <https://www.epilepsyallianceamerica.org/membership/benefits/>. For more information, visit the Epilepsy Alliance America website at [www.epilepsyallianceamerica.org](http://www.epilepsyallianceamerica.org)