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To the 2019 Nominating Committee:

Please accept this letter as my self-nomination to serve as the 2020-2021 National Association Health Services Executives' (NAHSE) National Secretary. I am currently the NAHSE Memphis President and have previously served as the chapter's President-elect (2016-2017), Treasurer (2014-2015), and Secretary (2012-2013).

Because I have served in this capacity locally and held other positions, I am very aware of the commitment that this role requires in terms of time, travel, communication, and knowledge of issues relevant to NAHSE. I have also served on the National Education Committee for the past two years and was a moderator for a session at last year's annual conference. The support that I receive from my supervisor and institutional investment in my professional development allows me to attend the meetings that are required of the secretary to support the board and executive committees.

Under my leadership as the Memphis chapter president, our chapter has successfully aligned with the national strategic plan by providing the some of the selected results locally:

- Retained all previous institutional memberships and gained 3 more institutional memberships. Developed a Lunch and Learn initiative supported by the institutional member organizations which introduced NAHSE to employees that were not members. As a result, the Chief Administrative Officer at Region One Health decided to purchase membership for employees that 5 new members.
- Co-sponsored a meet and greet for candidates for the local city council, sheriffs and judges. The chapter partnered with local NAACP and the Black MBA to host Shelby County Mayoral Forum at the National Civil Rights Museum. The partnerships create opportunities for members to influence policy and platforms on all levels of government.
- Established a partnership with the Tennessee Hospital Association (THA) and co-lead an inaugural luncheon with NAHSE Nashville at the Tennessee Hospital Association's (THA) annual meeting which discussed health equity's role in the transition to value-based care.
- Co-lead a "Better Together" diversity panel breakfast at the THA annual meeting in October by partnering with NAHSE Nashville, THA and ACHE to feature several C-Suite healthcare executives across the state.

While taking care of the details of the board and executive committee's proceedings is undeniably important, it is not my only reason for running for the position. Beyond dotting the I's and crossing the T's of meeting minutes, I see the position of the Secretary as a position of facilitation. At its best, I believe that NAHSE has the unique ability to continue to increase visibility and foster more strategic partnerships that mirror the mission. My interest in serving as secretary has much to do with my

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professional and personal goals. Specifically, the issues I am concerned with in my role as Memphis chapter president, are inextricably tied to ***Confronting our History, Capturing the Present, and Creating our Future*** which contributes to the success of NAHSE.

Confronting our History

- Build on the infrastructure to continue to improve the communication and transition to the new governance model.

Capturing the Present

- Following up with individuals regarding items on which they need to take action.

Creating our Future

- Plan for and adopt relevant technology advancements to improve internal operations and communication and provide new features and functions for members.

Please know that, if selected, I am committed to representing NAHSE by serving as National Secretary and staying informed on the important issues facing the organization.

Thank you for your consideration of my self-nomination.

Sincerely,

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