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**Association for Creatine Deficiencies (ACD) Announces New President and Board of Directors**

Carlsbad, CA (April 1, 2017)- The Association for Creatine Deficiencies (ACD) announces Whitney Strauss, current Vice President for the ACD will begin a new term as the President for the international Patient Advocacy group for Cerebral Creatine Deficiency Syndromes (CCDS) on April 1, 2017. Whitney has served as ACD Vice President for the past 3 years.

"I am honored by the opportunity to work with such a dedicated team and to lead this organization into its next chapter. We are encouraged by the momentum surrounding these rare disorders and are more determined than ever to make life-changing impacts for our patient community. From initiatives focused on newborn screening and early diagnosis for GAMT and AGAT patients, to pursuing new therapies for CTD treatment, we have our sights set for success," says upcoming President, Whitney Strauss.

Kim Tuminello, current President, will be taking on a new role as Director of Advocacy and will continue her responsibilities of bringing awareness to the importance of Newborn Screening. "It has been an honor to serve as President for the ACD and the CCDS community. I am so proud of our many accomplishments and I'm looking forward to continuing to advocate for the families living with a creatine deficiency, and furthering legislative efforts that these rare diseases deserve," Kim remarked.

Heidi Wallis who has served as Administrative Director will be moving to Vice President, Melissa Parker will be the Director of Finance and Governance, and Linda Cooper will serve as the new Director of Special Initiatives, focused primarily on supporting CCDS research.

**About ACD: The Association for Creatine Deficiencies' mission is to eliminate the challenges of CCDS. ACD is committed to providing patient, family, and public education to advocate for early intervention through newborn screening, and to promote and fund medical research for treatments and cures for Cerebral Creatine Deficiency Syndromes.** Because CCDS mimic symptoms of other medical conditions, patients are often first diagnosed with autism, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, and other disorders. Proper diagnosis and early intervention are critical to establish screening and treatments needed to improve life quality and longevity for the CCDS patient. For more information regarding ACD, please visit <http://www.creatineinfo.org>.