



## **Third Rock Ventures Names Sarah Larson as Partner**

*Industry Leader Joins as Firm's Chief Human Resources Officer*

**Boston – January 26, 2017** – [Third Rock Ventures, LLC](#) today announced that Sarah Larson has joined as partner and chief human resources officer. In this new role, she is responsible for human resources at the firm. Sarah will also provide guidance and counsel to the firm's portfolio companies as they are building their organizational capabilities, focusing on areas of human capital, leadership development, and culture creation. Sarah joins the firm from Foundation Medicine where she served as senior vice president, human resources since the company's launch by Third Rock in 2010. Her prior experience includes senior roles in human resources and recruiting in the life sciences industry.

"I am motivated by working with people who are passionate about what they do and are truly dedicated to making a difference. It has always been apparent to me that Third Rock is such a group and I am delighted to be joining the team," said Ms. Larson. "From my early days at Foundation Medicine, I experienced first-hand how impactful the firm's high engagement approach and unique model is. Third Rock has successfully charted a course to build great companies for the long term, and I look forward to working with the stellar team in place to leverage my experience in bringing people together around a common goal, and making a positive impact."

"We have been very impressed with Sarah's leadership at Foundation Medicine, where she helped build the team and foster the culture, growing it to one of the leading precision medicine companies with now four marketed products transforming cancer care and making a difference in the lives of patients," said Alexis Borisy, partner at Third Rock. "At Third Rock, we believe that people are our greatest asset, and our differentiated model is focused on a hands-on, team-oriented approach with an emphasis on developing the best teams and cultures in the industry. Sarah's experience, capabilities and philosophy are clearly aligned with this approach. We believe her commitment to aligning human resources with business objectives will be tremendously valuable as we continue to discover, launch and build great companies that make a difference for the patients we serve."

Sarah brings over 20 years of experience in human resources and leadership development, as well as the building of strong corporate cultures. Most recently, Sarah served as senior vice president, human resources at Foundation Medicine, where she was responsible for total rewards, talent acquisition, and alignment of human resources to support the company's rapid growth. Prior to that, Sarah led the global human resources function at CombinatoRx (acquired by Horizon Discovery Group) and worked for several years as a recruiter and account manager at Cambridge Search, a search firm specializing in recruitment within the life sciences industry. Sarah holds a BA in Communications from Rivier College.

**About Third Rock Ventures**

Third Rock Ventures is a leading healthcare venture firm focused on disruptive areas of science and medicine to discover, launch and build companies that make a dramatic difference in people's lives. By combining our team's scientific vision, strategic leadership, operational expertise and innovative deal-making capabilities, we nurture bold ideas that translate into successful business enterprises. Recognizing that the best way to create value for our investors is to create value for patients, our companies are built on a solid foundation of science, medicine, people and business strategy. For more information, please visit [www.thirdrockventures.com](http://www.thirdrockventures.com).

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