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Hospice of Northwest Michigan welcomes April Lamb as new Executive Director

Charlevoix – On October 9, 2017, April Lamb was hired on to be the new Executive Director for Hospice of Northwest Michigan. This non-profit entity serves to provide outreach and support for the patients of the Medicare-certified Hospice program at Health Department of Northwest Michigan. April will be working very closely with Tina Lamont, director of the Home Health and Hospice program, which provides direct skilled care services to residents in northern Michigan.

Lamb's passion for healthcare started when she was 14 years old, working with her father to build a surgical tools business out of the family garage in Sault Sainte Marie, MI. Lamb attributes her work ethic and passion for serving the community to that time spent with her dad. "I saw what his hard work accomplished, and how his investment in the community made a difference. It made me want to do good, too," Lamb said. "I'm excited to have this opportunity to give back to our community that supports me and my family." Lamb moved with her husband and three children to the Charlevoix area 3 years ago, when her husband was transferred here as an Active Duty Engineering Officer in the United States Coast Guard.

Lamb is motivated by her commitment to her community, her experience as a military spouse, and her time spent supporting her grandma when she went through hospice. "It was a good feeling knowing my grandma was being well cared for, and the support hospice provided for my family was comforting," she said. Her personal experience will help her relate with the families she will be working with in her new position. "With Hospice of Northwest Michigan, it's not just about the end of life process. It's about letting people know they have choices, and supporting families in whatever way they need." Lamb has a special passion for working with veterans, since she knows first-hand the unique challenges military families face. She looks forward to fostering the growth of Hospice of Northwest Michigan's "We Honor Veterans" program.

Lamb has a B.S. in Healthcare Administration from Ashford University, and has worked previously for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan and McLaren Northern Michigan. "April's experience in healthcare administration will help this organization continue to grow. We are looking forward to building our volunteer board and strengthening our relationship with the health department," said Lisa Ashley, board chairperson for Hospice of Northwest Michigan.

"We are delighted to have April with us. Her passion for meeting the needs of our Hospice community is apparent in her daily activities," said Tina Lamont, Director of Home Care and Hospice of the health department. Lamb said she is honored to be a part of such an amazing team of caregivers and volunteers and shares their dedication to providing comprehensive care for patients and families.

Lamb added, "This job will push me out of my comfort zone and give me an opportunity to grow. But I know it's everything I've been searching for in my healthcare career and I'm ready to get started."

Hospice of Northwest Michigan is a partner of the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. The health department is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality healthcare, address health problems of vulnerable populations, and protect the

environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties. For more information about Hospice of Northwest Michigan, visit www.hospicenwm.org or call 231-547-6092.

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