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Lisa McMichael appointed Executive Director of Harbor Hospice

(Muskegon, Michigan) – The Harbor Hospice Board of Directors have announced that Lisa McMichael will be the new Executive Director of Harbor Hospice, succeeding Mary Anne Gorman, who is retiring after a 32 year-tenure with Harbor Hospice. McMichael has begun her new role effective November 14, 2016.

Lisa McMichael has more than 20 years of healthcare management and administration experience. She most recently served as the Executive Director of Marywood Health Corporation, a Grand Rapids short-term rehabilitation and assisted living facility, and a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Grand Rapids in partnership with Porter Hills. In her previous roles, she was the Administrator for Metron Integrated Health Systems, Inc. and the Executive Director for Atrium Center, LLC.; both skilled nursing facilities. She possesses a MBA from Cornerstone University and a Bachelor's Degree in Health Care Administration from Sienna Heights University. Her background in occupational therapy has been coupled with a strong interest in elder care focusing on sustaining and maintaining residents' quality of life while aging in place.

Lisa McMichael said, "I am eager and excited to start this new journey as the Executive Director of Harbor Hospice and leader of their outstanding team. My vision is to deliver our service to each patient and family in a manner that matches our care to their unique needs and preferences. I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve the community in this role and look forward to engaging with and getting to know our staff, volunteers, board members and donors."

Heather Brolick, Chair of the Harbor Hospice Board of Directors, said, "Harbor Hospice has an excellent reputation for delivering exceptional hospice and palliative care. Our growth along the lakeshore has been on a foundation of quality balanced with strong stewardship of community resources. Lisa shares our commitment to sustain and enhance that reputation and the board is confident that she will build upon Mary Anne's successful leadership and accomplishments."

Dr. Jerry Harriman, Harbor Hospice Medical Director, said "The leadership team welcomes Lisa to Harbor Hospice and is eager to work with her in this executive role. She has both the personal and professional qualities and experience to lead our organization forward during this critical time of healthcare transformation."

Harbor Hospice is a community based, nonprofit hospice organization that served its first patient in 1983. Serving a 5-county area in west Michigan, its administrative offices and 14-bed hospice residence are located in Muskegon, Michigan.

Governed by a community board of directors, Harbor Hospice employs 90 staff providing hospice care to patients at home, in facilities and in the Poppen Hospice Residence. Eighty-eight active, trained volunteers provide patient support such as respite care and errands; grief and spiritual care; fundraising, community education and advocacy. In 2015, Harbor Hospice served 798 patients providing 32,000 days of patient care.

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