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SVNA Hires New Hospice Director

The Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association has appointed Melanie McGinn of Cornwall as Hospice Director a position previously held by Donna DiMartino who is retiring from SVNA.

Melanie came to SVNA after working in Rhode Island as the Hospice and Palliative Care Director for a large home health agency. She attended Centenary College in Hackettstown, NJ where she received a bachelor's degree in individualized studies. Her interest in hospice began while she was a CNA, and then she started her career as a RN working in a hospice program in Washington State. Hospice care has always been a natural calling for Melanie as she is a strong patient advocate. Melanie is Hospice and Palliative Care Certified (CHPN) and holds an MBA with specialization in Health Care Administration.

"SVNA is extremely grateful for the work performed by Donna DiMartino in bringing our hospice program to where it is today; our patients, families and staff are very grateful to Donna and thankful for her dedication. I am also very pleased to have Melanie on board her qualifications are impeccable and her passion for advocating for the patient is perfectly suited to our agency's mission" says Michele Gorat, SVNA's Executive Director.

For more information about Melanie or our hospice program, please call (860) 435-0816 or visit: www.salisburyvna.org

About Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association

Founded in 1904, the Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association is the oldest and most comprehensive home care, hospice and private care agency serving all of the Northwest Corner of Connecticut. The not-for-profit, state licensed and Medicare certified home health and hospice agency's mission is to provide advanced, compassionate care at home and in the community. Serving: Canaan, Cornwall, Falls Village, Goshen, Kent, Lakeville, Norfolk, North Canaan, Salisbury, Sharon, Taconic and Warren.