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HPNA WELCOMES ITS 2013 BOARD PRESIDENT

PITTSBURGH, PA, FEBRUARY 13, 2013—The Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA) is pleased to welcome **Barbara Anderson Head, PhD RN CHPN® FPCN ACSW**, as the new President of the Board of Directors for 2013. Beginning her second term on the HPNA Board, Barbara is an Assistant Professor, University of Louisville School of Medicine in the Interdisciplinary Program for Palliative Care and Chronic Illness. Additionally, she is Adjunct Faculty at the University's Kent School of Social Work. Her term as HPNA president began January 1, 2013.

Dr. Head has served as ELNEC faculty both nationally and internationally in India and Malaysia. She has served on the Editorial Advisory Board for Journal of Hospice and Palliative Nursing since 2005 and has represented HPNA as the Scientific Committee co-chair for the 2012 American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine / HPNA Annual Assembly. She was a previous member and chair of the National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses (NBCHPN®). Barbara is currently co-investigator on a National Institute of Health (NIH) funded project on the Development of an Interdisciplinary Oncology Palliative Care Curriculum.

HPNA is extremely proud to announce Barbara as its 2013 President,” said **Sally Welsh, MSN RN NEA-BC, Chief Executive Officer of HPNA**. “Barbara has extensive experience within the realm of palliative nursing and will lead the organization to achieve great progress this year.”

About HPNA

Celebrating its 27th anniversary, with nearly 11,000 members, the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA) is a national non-profit organization of nursing professionals specializing in the specialty of palliative nursing across the life span continuum. Its mission is to lead the way to promote excellence in the provision of palliative nursing care through leadership development, education and the

support of research in the field. Established in 1986, HPNA is the only nursing organization of its kind. It is part of the Alliance for Excellence in Hospice and Palliative Nursing which includes the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Foundation and the National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses. Together, the organizations are working to lead the way in the advancement of the rapidly growing and increasingly important palliative care nursing specialty. To learn more, visit HPNA at www.hpna.org, call 412.787.9301, or email hpna@hpna.org.

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