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**NBCHPN<sup>®</sup> Announces**  
**2014 CHPLN<sup>®</sup> of the Year Award Recipient**

**PITTSBURGH, PA, MARCH 13, 2014**— The National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses (NBCHPN<sup>®</sup>) has announced that **Ottamissiah Moore, BS, LPN, CLNI, WCC, CHPLN<sup>®</sup>**, is the 2014 recipient of the Certified Hospice and Palliative Licensed Nurse of the Year Award (CHPLN<sup>®</sup>). The honor was presented on Thursday, March 13, 2014 at the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM)/ Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA) Annual Assembly in San Diego, California. The CHPLN<sup>®</sup> of the Year Award recognizes the work of a certified hospice and palliative licensed practical/vocational nurse who personifies excellence in advancing expert care in serious illness.

Ms. Moore, a graduate of Jacksonville State University's College of Nursing, is a staff development specialist with Washington Center for Aging Services in Washington DC. An ELNEC trainer, she gives nursing presentations at the national level, coordinates to provide continuing education, and leads practice as a member of several nursing committees including the District of Columbia Board of Nursing. She has regularly been recognized and commended for her skill and service.

In 2003 the National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses (NBCHPN<sup>®</sup>) initiated the development of a hospice and palliative certification examination for the Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse. The first national administration of the exam was in September 2004, with successful candidates awarded the credential CHPLN<sup>®</sup> (Certified Hospice and Palliative Licensed Nurse). There are currently over 1000 nurses who hold the CHPLN<sup>®</sup> credential.

"Ms. Moore's dedication to state of the art patient care is clearly evident," said **Sally Welsh, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, Chief Executive Officer of NBCHPN<sup>®</sup>**. "Her commitment to education and her leadership on hospice issues deserve this recognition. We are also honored to recognize the empathetic, individual, and evidence-based care that she provides to patients."

**About NBCHPN<sup>®</sup>**

The National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses (NBCHPN<sup>®</sup>) is the only organization that offers specialty certification for all levels of the hospice and palliative nursing care team, including administrators and perinatal loss care professionals. Over 18,000 health professionals hold NBCHPN<sup>®</sup> credentials that establish professional commitment to safe, ethical,

and evidence-based care. Preferred as a current measure of continuing competence in the dynamic and evolving health care professional role, NBCHPN® certification is valid for four years and can be renewed. Together with the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association and the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Foundation, NBCHPN® works to advance expert care in serious illness. To learn more, visit NBCHPN® at [www.nbchpn.org](http://www.nbchpn.org), call 412.787.1057, or email [nbchpn@nbchpn.org](mailto:nbchpn@nbchpn.org).

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