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**NBCHPN® Announces**  
**2014 CHPN® of the Year Award Recipient**

**PITTSBURGH, PA, MARCH 13, 2014**— The National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses (NBCHPN®) has announced that **Amanda Broyles, RN, BSN, CHPN®**, is the 2014 recipient of the Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurse of the Year Award (CHPN®). 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 CHPN® of the Year Award recognizes the work of a certified hospice and palliative nurse who personifies excellence in advancing expert care in serious illness.

Ms. Broyles, a graduate of Jacksonville State University's College of Nursing, is a case manager with Heyman Hospice Care at Floyd Medical Center in Rome, GA. In this leadership role she has assumed responsibility for performance improvement projects leading to improved pain management, and has developed a reputation for compassionate clinical care, strong interdisciplinary communication, and adept preceptorship.

The first Registered Nurse certification exam was offered in 1994 and awarded use of the credentials CRNH (Certified Registered Nurse Hospice) to those successfully passing the exam. In 1999, the examination was expanded to include palliative care, and successful candidates are now awarded the credential CHPN® (Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurse). Currently there are nearly 12,000 nurses who hold the CHPN® credential.

“We are delighted to recognize Amanda Broyles with the 2014 CHPN® of the Year Award,” said **Sally Welsh, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, Chief Executive Officer of NBCHPN®**. “Successfully leading a team effort to improve pain management makes a tremendous difference in the lives of patients and achieves an exemplary level of care. Amanda's efforts to share knowledge and improve outcomes deserve recognition.”

**About NBCHPN®**

The National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses (NBCHPN®) 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® 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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