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Muskegon registered nurse rejoins Harbor Hospice and Harbor Palliative Care as director of clinical services

West Michigan, January 21, 2021 – Muskegon resident Karen Panozzo, RN, has been named director of clinical services for Harbor Hospice and Harbor Palliative Care.

“It’s like coming back home,” says Panozzo, who worked for Harbor Hospice as a case manager for home care and was part of the team that opened the Leila and Cyrus Poppen Hospice Residence in 2005. She also managed the Poppen Residence for four years.

Gerald Harriman, DO, medical director for Harbor Hospice, is delighted Panozzo is rejoining the organization.

“Karen returns with a passion for bringing excellent care to our patients and providing support for their families,” says Harriman. “Her long-term experience in the field of hospice and her enthusiasm for her work are contagious. I am confident in her ability to lead by example our staff of clinicians so they continue to excel in caring for our palliative and hospice patients enduring through a serious illness or facing the end of their life.”

After leaving the organization in 2014, Panozzo joined Trinity Health Senior Communities in Muskegon and served as a care specialist and regional director of Learning and Development.

In her new role at Harbor Hospice and Harbor Palliative Care, Panozzo oversees the organization’s hospice and palliative care services, as well as bereavement counseling and other support for patients and their families.

“Caring for others is a calling -- a privilege and an honor, not a job,” says Panozzo who shares her love of nursing with two daughters who have also worked for Harbor Hospice. “I have always been grateful that I was led to this path of nursing, and I am so proud to once again serve at Harbor Hospice.”

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