



MINNESOTA NETWORK OF  
HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE

## To the MNHPC Community and Our Members,

I am sharing important news that our Executive Director, Jessica Hausauer, has notified the board that she will be departing the organization to assume the same position for the **National Coalition for Hospice and Palliative Care**. Jessica has done an excellent job of leading the organization since 2020 and we will miss her leadership.

### Updates

With this news, I want to share a few updates with you. The first is that because of MNHPC's highly capable and committed team, all programming will be held as planned, including the **Regulatory and Legislative Summit** (September 29), the **Palliative Care Summit** (November 17), and the April 2024 Annual Conference. Please note the Annual Conference Call for Proposals will be extended from September 15 to September 22.

### Transition and Search Process

Leadership transitions always raise a variety of questions and possible avenues for how to most effectively navigate the immediate future. And, they always bring change. After extensive discussion among MNHPC's Executive Committee, the board considered a proposal and subsequently approved a plan to move forward with an interim Executive Director through the spring of 2024, while concurrently launching a search for a permanent Executive Director.

MNHPC's board is committed to giving time, attention, and intention to selecting the next leader of the organization. A search committee is currently being formed and the process for selecting a permanent Executive Director will be launched in the coming weeks.

### Interim Executive Director: David Blomquist

I am excited to share that the MNHPC board unanimously approved a proposal to name **David Blomquist** as interim Executive Director. David is no stranger to MNHPC – he has been involved in board and committee work since 2015, and most recently served almost 4 years on the Executive Committee as the board Secretary. I am excited about David's passion for MNHPC's mission and the leadership he will bring to the organization during this time of transition. ([dblomquist@mnhpc.org](mailto:dblomquist@mnhpc.org))

Finally, now is an important time to say thank you for your commitment to the work of MNHPC and being a part of this community. While change is on the horizon, the board is confident that the organization's mission has never been more important for the fields of hospice and palliative care than it is right now. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time ([alex@turnlane.org](mailto:alex@turnlane.org), 612-845-5125).

All the best,

Alex Clark

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