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American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine Names New Director of Education and Training

Glenview, IL – The American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM) announces the appointment of Julie Bruno, MSW, LCSW as Director of Education and Training. The Academy is the professional organization for physicians, nurses and other healthcare providers who are committed to improving the quality of life of patients and families facing life-threatening or serious conditions.

Bruno comes to the Academy with a wealth of experience in hospice and palliative medicine, most recently as Senior Clinical Director at Midwest Palliative and Hospice Care Center. Prior to that, she worked for five years at the Corry Regional Hospice in Corry, Penn.

"Julie's experience in hospice and palliative care will be invaluable to our members," states AAHPM CEO Steve R. Smith. "We are excited that she is joining us at this critical time for the Academy and the field." Since 1988, AAHPM has been the leading source of information, knowledge sharing, and professional development for physicians in hospice and palliative medicine. In 2006, the American Board of Medical Specialties approved the creation of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (HPM) as a sub-specialty of ten participating boards. The co-sponsoring boards include the American Boards of Internal Medicine, Anesthesiology, Family

Medicine, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Psychiatry and Neurology, Surgery, Pediatrics, Emergency Medicine, Radiology, and Obstetrics and Gynecology.

According to Bruno, “I look forward to working with the Academy to advance the knowledge of its members - educating them at all career stages and practice settings to achieve high levels of competency in palliative care.”

Bruno officially assumed her position with the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine on March 3, 2008.

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AAHPM’s membership includes over 3,300 physicians and other medical professionals dedicated to excellence in palliative medicine and the prevention and relief of patient and family suffering. Since 1988, AAHPM has supported hospice and palliative medicine through advancement of clinical practice standards, fostering research, providing education, and through public policy advocacy. For more information, contact AAHPM at 847/375-4712 or visit www.aahpm.org.