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MCMAHON -- PUBLIC HEALTH ADVOCATE HONORED AS DIRECT CARE CHAMPION

Julie Mason McMahon was recently honored with the Iowa CareGivers “From the Heart” recognition for her long time role as an advocate for those who work in direct care. “With more than 45 years as a public health professional, her dedication to the public safety and welfare of Iowans has never wavered”, said Maribel Slinde, Iowa CareGivers Board Chair. “Julie has a unique gift of working with people in all walks of life and possesses an uncanny ability to connect diverse groups of people to solve problems.”

Upon accepting the recognition Julie said, “As a public health nurse providing home care and later as a public health administrator at both the local and state levels, I have always respected the direct care workers who are part of the care team helping those we love stay in their homes and communities. As a society, we need to recognize the critical role direct care workers have in meeting the health care needs of our aging population.”

“As someone who walks in the shoes of direct care every day, I experienced first-hand Julie’s support for me and my profession. I had the pleasure of working with her when I served as the co-chair of the Governor-appointed Direct Care Worker Task Force. This was an historic task force and Julie brought her “A-Game”. She is a friend to those in my chosen profession, and she understands the needs of Direct Care Professionals and how what we do translates to better care for the citizens of our state,” said Anthony C. Wells, CNA, CHPNA.

The recognition acknowledges organizations and individuals who have demonstrated support for direct care workers and the Iowans they serve. Direct care workers are the front line workers who assist older Iowans and people with disabilities in their homes, in nursing and assisted living facilities, in hospice, hospitals and in group homes and other settings. Totaling over 70,000, they are Iowa’s largest and fastest growing occupation.

The Iowa CareGivers is an independent nonprofit, nonpartisan organization founded in 1992 to ensure that all Iowans have access to good care when and where they need it. Iowa CareGivers does that by focusing on serving the needs of and providing an independent voice for the direct care workers who provide those services.

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