

HOSPICE OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

# Hospice hires new director

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✓ SCOTTS VALLEY — Michael Milward, a veteran California attorney with experience as a bereavement counselor, has been hired as the new chief executive for Hospice of Santa Cruz County after a nationwide search.

Milward replaces Ann Carney Pomper, who will retire in June to spend more time with her family and pursue personal interests.

Milward, 57, is a graduate of the Metta Institute End of Life Care Practitioner Program and was a chaplain for Hospice of Amador and Calaveras counties, and Sutter Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice in Santa Rosa.

He is a principal with Sierra Trial Group, which specializes in personal injury cases. He graduated in 1981 from the University of Santa Clara School of Law.

Milward's years of compassion at the bedside, mixed with a keen awareness of regulatory environments and strong leadership qualities set him apart from the other candidates, according to Hos-

pice officials.

"We are confident that with Mr. Milward's leadership we will continue to optimize critical structures and systems necessary to ensure ongoing compassionate and quality service to our community for decades to come," said Hospice Board President Mary Culley.



MILWARD

During Pomper's nine-year tenure with Hospice, she helped clarify priorities, align goals, and define systems to ensure sustainability.

The number of patients served nearly tripled, as the organization provides hospice care for more than 840 patients and families annually, along with transitional care for seriously ill individuals and families and grief support services.

Hospice plans workshops this month to help people make their end-of-life wishes known. For information, call Julie Boudreau at 430-3078.