



## GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY Administration/Board of Commissioners

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### **New G.T. County Commission on Aging Director Named**

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**Traverse City** – Grand Traverse County Administrator Vicki Uppal has announced the hiring of Cynthia Kienlen as the county’s new Director of the Commission on Aging.

According to the County Administrator, Kienlen demonstrates a broad range of experience serving in various leadership capacities and in the area of nursing. Kienlen is a Registered Nurse and has extensive experience working on accreditation processes for healthcare institutions and will be able to hit the ground running.

Kienlen has served in the capacity of Director of Care and Disease Management in which she is responsible for overseeing disease management, community outreach teams, and developing best practices and evidence based solutions. She has experience in various accreditation efforts and in the use of technology to enhance care coordination.

Administrator Uppal stated that, “Kienlen has experience that will help move the COA forward through her work in healthcare, technology, community partnerships, and best practices. Ms. Kienlen will offer the COA clients and staff a wealth of knowledge and experience.”

Prior to serving as the Director of Care and Disease Management Kienlen has served as the Health Services Administrator for Corizon Health, Chief Nursing Officer for the Cook County Jail and Juvenile Center, and Adjunct Instructor at Purdue University amongst various other nursing and research positions.

Kienlen earned her Master of Science in Nursing Education and a Bachelor’s of Science in Nursing from Indiana Wesleyan University. She is a Registered Nurse in the State of Florida, Indiana, Illinois, and Michigan and has served as a volunteer nurse in Pakistan and also been a keynote speaker at national conferences.

Kienlen is looking forward to joining the County and working on the initiatives at the Commission on Aging and helping to assist staff and clients as the organization continues to grow. Kienlen stated, “I am looking forward to joining the team at the Commission on Aging and working with the seniors and the senior services throughout the Northern Michigan region.” Kienlen will join her daughter and grandchildren as a Northern Michigan resident and begin at the COA on October 18, 2017.