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Memory Care Employees Receive Certified Dementia Practitioner® Certification

CHIPPEWA FALLS – After completing coursework and meeting several qualifications, four employees of Rutledge Home Assisted Living & Memory Care are now Certified Dementia Practitioners® (CDP®) through the National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners (NCCDP) and the International Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners.

According to the NCCDP, the certification was created "to promote standards of excellence in dementia and Alzheimer's Disease education training to professionals and other caregivers who provide services to dementia clients. This CDP® credential validates their proficiency in Alzheimer's and Dementia education." The certification training provides education about Alzheimer's disease, best practices in dementia care, and changes in brain physiology among individuals with dementia.

The following Rutledge Home employees received the CDP® certification: Director Alex Price; Director of Clinical Services Mandi Lee, RN; Clinical Services Coordinator Autumn Harvey; and Recreation Coordinator Linda Soden.

Price said, "There is a continuing need for caregivers who are trained to provide appropriate, competent, and sensitive care to residents who have dementia. Obtaining this certification is another step we have taken to ensure the best possible quality care for our residents."

Rutledge Home, located next to Irvine Park, is a Community Based Residential Facility licensed for 46 residents with 13 Assisted Living rooms and 30 Memory Care rooms. Residents are supported with personal care and nursing services, medication management and administration, nutritious meals, and social activities.