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SOUTHINGTON — Two dementia care specialists with the Connecticut Center for Healthy Aging were recently certified as Certified Dementia Practitioners by the National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners.

Patricia B. O'Brian, CDP, patient and family engagement coordinator, and Michelle Wyman, LSW, CDP, life enrichment coach, joined the Connecticut Center for Healthy Aging staff in 2015 and are based in Southington.

The goal of the National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners is to develop and encourage comprehensive standards of excellence in direct-care skills, education and sensitivity in the area of dementia care.

O'Brian, a Cromwell resident, and Wyman, a West Hartford resident, are two highly experienced dementia care professionals with the Connecticut Center for Healthy Aging. The Center for Healthy Aging, a not-for-profit member of Hartford HealthCare Senior Services, is a resource and assessment center working to enhance access to services and information on attaining optimal quality of life for seniors and their caregivers.

O'Brian and Wyman have extensive experience in dementia care and can provide strategies to improve the quality of life for caregivers and persons with dementia/Alzheimer's disease. They offer home, telephonic and office assessments specifically for caregivers/family

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members who have loved ones with a dementia and offer continued follow up and support. They also facilitate educational programs for caregivers.

The Connecticut Center for Healthy Aging has four locations: Hospital of Central Connecticut, Bradley Memorial campus in Southington and

Windham Hospital in Willimantic.

For more information about Connecticut Center for Healthy Aging, visit cthealthyaging.org or call 1-877-424-4641 toll-free.

— Submitted by the Connecticut Center for Healthy Aging

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