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VNA NORTHWEST NURSE SARAH MINERVINO TO STAFF TRAVEL HEALTH CLINIC

BANTAM – VNA Northwest has named Sarah Minervino, RN, CHPN, of Northfield as the agency's Immunization Nurse. Sarah, a registered nurse, has completed special training in travel medicine, and can administer a variety of travel vaccines, including Yellow Fever, Typhoid, Hepatitis B, Japanese encephalitis and others.

VNA Northwest's Travel Health Clinic is open by appointment to adults interested in pre-trip counseling and/or vaccinations. Individuals who will be traveling far from home and especially those visiting developing countries are advised by the World Health Organization to consult a travel medicine clinic or personal physician 4-6 weeks before departure.

Sarah is uniquely suited to her new role. "I was born in England, and grew up in New Zealand, and I have traveled to every continent in the world, except Africa," she explains. "I've also been to many islands in the Pacific and Atlantic oceans. I love to travel, and to hear peoples' stories about their travel experiences," she adds.

"I am excited about this opportunity to help local residents enjoy their travel destinations while making sure they stay healthy and safe at the same time," she says.

The Immunization Nurse has access to international referrals, and to epidemiologic resources and experts. She provides clients with individualized travel health information based on their itineraries and any specific medical conditions they may have.

VNA Northwest, a nonprofit home care and hospice agency, has been serving northwest Connecticut since 1928. The agency serves patients in all Litchfield County towns. To schedule a travel health consultation, or to learn more information about the agency's programs and services, please visit www.vnanw.org or call 860-567-6000.

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