Melissa Vietor is presently the Director of Faith Regional Home Health and Hospice. She has been employed with Faith Regional for more than 25 years and worked in the home health and hospice area for 15 years. Melissa did direct care with home health and hospice for 7 years before moving into the management role. She graduated from Bryan School of Nursing in 1999. And from Aspen University in 2021 with her BSN. Melissa has lived in Northeast Nebraska her entire life. She has been married to Jason for 25 years. They have three children and two bonus children: Vanessa and her spouse Garrett, Austin and his spouse Nicki, Granddaughter Nadia and a son Peyton.

Melissa said, "While working on the inpatient clinical units, I had the privilege of seeing and experiencing firsthand so many families come into the hospital that need additional ongoing



education and teaching. Some families are learning to care for a loved one with special needs, specific disease process, new terminal diagnosis or families grieving the loss of a loved one. Our time with these families is so limited in the hospital setting, yet so valuable to them in the overall process. I knew I wanted the ability to have more meaningful prolonged interactions with patients and families, and to help these patients and families through what might be the most difficult times. Being in the field of home health and hospice has provided me with the ability to do just that, along with allowing me to become an even greater advocate for our patients and families. When working with home health and hospice patients/families, it is often the little details that make the biggest impact on their overall care.

I have loved being involved with the Nebraska Home Care Association. It has given me the opportunity to gain so much insight into the behind the scenes so to speak of state and national laws along with the struggles our colleagues are seeing across the state. I have met some phenomenal ladies as well that we are able to actively collaborate on process improvement, policies, quality, financial struggles and how to get specific insurance companies claims correct so they will pay and so much more. My previous terms on the board have been At-Large Director and Treasurer. Being able to sit in meetings that directly impact our home health and hospice world, having the knowledge and insight to be able to assist, react and to protect the ability to provide on-going care to residents of Nebraska has been a rewarding experience. I look forward to being able to find ways to continue advocacy for our Agencies that care for so many families and patients across Nebraska."