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DURHAM, N.H. -- Amy Culp, direct services coordinator for the Sexual Harassment and Rape Prevention Program (SHARPP), has been named acting program director for SHARPP.

"For the past four months, we have conducted an active search for a new director," explained Kathleen Grace-Bishop, associate director of Health Services. "While some strong candidates were identified during this process, we have not been successful in securing a permanent program director for SHARPP."

Grace-Bishop added it is important that SHARPP have in place a stable leadership component so that the organization is able to continue to thrive, and remain a valuable and important resource to the UNH community.

Culp, who earned her undergraduate degree in psychology and a master's degree in public administration, brings experience and expertise to the position. The SHARPP staff have enthusiastically endorsed the selection.

As direct services coordinator at SHARPP, Culp oversees AmeriCorps volunteers, and provides supervision and training to volunteer peer advocates. She also provides advocacy for survivors of sexual violence.

"I'm very excited to have this opportunity," Culp said. "My goals are to continue to maintain the high quality of service that has been provided to survivors and the UNH community, and to begin work on a strategic plan for the office."

Prior to coming to UNH, Culp worked at the Seacoast Mental Health Center as a clinical case manager, and before that as a caseworker for the North American Family Institute in Connecticut.

According to Grace-Bishop, a new search could begin as early as this

summer.

SHARPP, which has been a model for other colleges and universities for more than two decades, is committed to eliminating sexual violence and creating a supportive environment for survivors and their allies, and to educating the community on issues of sexual violence.

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