### **LifeCircle South Dakota**

## Minutes 04/29/2024 9:00 AM CT

## LifeCircle

Purpose of LifeCircle SD: Improve care at the end of life for the people of South Dakota. Vision of LifeCircle SD: People of South Dakota will receive the care needed to complete their life and die peacefully, their loved ones will receive support, and health care providers in the State will improve care of patients and families at the end of life. Workgroup will be meeting hopefully in May to work on updating this information (Hillary Turner, LuAnn Trutwin & Dr. Terri Peterson-Henry)

**Aim of Life Circle:** Interdisciplinary and inter-institutional representation of people, organizations, and institutions for the entire state.

**Goals of LifeCircle SD:** To help us meet our purpose and vision, LifeCircle SD strives to provide:

- Professional Education
- Public Education
- Public Policy- monitoring and advocacy

**Monthly Meetings: Last Monday of every Month @ 0900 CST** 

# Members of LifeCircle SD

Alicia Syverson; Ally Brandner; Amanda Sedlacek; Amber Allen; Amy Keranen; Angela Kroeze Visser; Andrew Brown; Ashley Johnson; Becky Memboleo; Brandi Pravecek; Brandon Varilek; Cameo Anders; Carla Graciano Sarinana; Carole Stewart; Carrie Christopherson; Cate Davis; Cathy Kellogg; Charlene Berke; Cheryl Fischbach; Dan Heineman; Danielle Gannon; Danielle Richards; David Brechtelsbauer; Dawn Ingalls; Deb Arbogast; Deb Fischer Clemens; Deb Kullerd; Deborah Deuschle; Elizabeth Schenkel; Heather Krzmarzick; Hillary Turner; Janelle Goodfellow; Jeanice Miskimins; Jenna Brandt; Jill Ireland; Jo Neubauer; Joseph Rees; Julie Dixen; Justin Ohleen; Karen Gallagher; Karen Jensen; Kathryn Moore; Kathy Gubin; Kayla Wolff; Kelly Boyd; Kim Malsam-Rysdon; Kristine Wensmann; Lisa Groon; Lisa Kunkel; Lori Tracy; LuAnn Eidsness; LuAnn Trutwin; Mari Perrenoud; Mari Beth Van Zanten; Mary Hill; Mary Isaacson; Mary Jo Heier-Johnson; Megan Dalton; Megan Myers; Melissa Schilousky; Michele Sargent; Michele Snyders; Michella Sybesma; Mindi VandeKamp; Mollie Sanchez; Molly Keegan; Nicolle Shumaker; Priscilla Bade; RaChelle Gruba; Rhonda Wiering; Robin Randall; Sabina Kupershmidt; Sally Nielson; Sandy Dieleman; Sarah Mollman; Shelly Roy; Stacie Sinclair; Stephanie Klemann; Tammy Hatting; Teresa Garren-Grubbs; Terri Peterson-Henry

# South Dakota State Definition of Palliative Care

"Palliative care," specialized medical care that is provided to a patient of any age, with a serious illness at any stage, and which:

§34-12-1.1(13)

- (a) Is designed to improve a patient's quality of life, and that of the patient's family, by providing relief from the symptoms and stresses of the patient's illness;
- (b) May be provided alongside curative treatments in primary and specialty settings, based on the needs of the patient and not on the prognosis; and

	(c) Delivered collaboratively, in any setting, by a specially trained interdisciplinary team
	that includes healthcare practitioners, nurses, social workers, spiritual care
	providers, and other patient support providers;
Items	Action
0 . 4 . 1	Lune 12 Dr. Amende Codlesek and Careb Mallman DbD will present their AALIDM
<b>Quarterly Education</b>	June 12- Dr. Amanda Sedlacek and Sarah Mollman, PhD will present their AAHPM presentation on the IPC Seminar and/or provide and update on the IPC Seminar
	September- Angela Visser- PhD Research on CHW and Palliative Care
	December- Brandon Varilek "Hospice Use Disparities for American Indian Persons with ESKD"
	Ideas for next year:
	1. Specialty PC-ie: perinatal, pediatric, neuro & psych?
	2. Hospice- update on hospice benefit-medication coverage
	Please send other topics for education to michele.snyders@sdaho.org
MISC	Hospice Foundation of America- https://hospicefoundation.org/HFA-Products/2023-24-
<b>Education re:</b>	Professional-Education-Package
Hospice and PC	*SDAHO has reserved 50 spots for members to participate for free in the HFA series. Non-Member: \$25.00. <b>To register- go to the SDAHO Education Calendar and click on the</b>
	program
	May 14- Grief River- a New Approach to Understanding and Supporting Loss
	June 11- End of Life Ethics: Patient Options
	MJHS Hospice and Palliative Care Webinars: Link to them on the SDAHO Education
	Calendar or on the MJHS website. These are FREE.  4/25- Depression and Anxiety in the Seriously III
	5/9- The Role of the Nurse on the Hospice and Palliative Care Team
	5/30- Serious Illness Discussions
	6/13- Palliative Care in Dementia
	6/27- Psychosocial Needs of Cancer Patients from an Ethnically Diverse Underserved Community
	8/15- Ethical Decision Making When Advance Directives May No Longer Apply
2024	International Conference on Advanced Palliative Medicine, Symptom and Pain
Conferences	Management 2024 October 7&8 2024 New York City, NY
	The Coalition to Transform Advanced Care (CTAC) 2024 National Leadership Summit
	October 21-22 Capital Hilton in Washington DC- Registration coming soon
	Please let Michele know of any conferences to post.
<b>Projects:</b>	Palliative Care State directory-CTAC
	Create Education for the DoH Website-Sarah Mollman, Hillary Turner; Dr. Amanda Sedlacek, all health systems- Kim M-R to get Avera Names, state

# Guardianship Education Update:

Cameo Anders; Mari Perrenoud; Michele Snyders; Tammy Hatting; SDAHO education team- Michella, Stephanie, Shenna

Web page: <a href="https://sdaho.org/guardianship/">https://sdaho.org/guardianship/</a>

Current 5-10 minute video topics include:

- 1. Informed Consent √- video is live on the website
- 2. Healthcare Responsibilities ✓ Video is Live on the website
- 3. Advance Care Planning V video is live on the website
- 4. Life Sustaining Treatment-√
- 5. Medically Assisted Nutrition and Hydration
- 6. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
- 7. Dialysis
- 8. Help with Breathing
- 9. ICD Implant
- 10. What You Need to Know to Set Up a Guardianship

#### Web Site

Advance Care Planning documents- Michele found new discussion guides to add to the Advance Care Planning site on the website: "My Advance Care Plan & Guide for Native Americans" is Produced by the National Indigenous Elder Justice Initiative and "A Guide on Advanced Care Planning Resources for people living with dementia and their care partners" prepared by the BOLD public Health Center of Excellence on Dementia Caregiving.

Kelley Le Beaux with the GPTCHB and Tomas Elsness of the Alzheimer's Association

Alzheimer's Association approved the workbook, and it is on the advance care planning page of the website. Kelley had some wording changes she recommended. Michele will reach out to the creators to see if we can adapt the language. This document not yet posted. Also asked if Kelley was aware of any other culturally appropriate tools.

## Federal Legislative News-

CMS Delays Start of Hospice Physician Enrollment Requirement: To begin enroll in or opt out of Medicare until **June 3** for physicians who certify hospice Services instead of May 1. Read more about it: <a href="https://hospicenews.com/2024/04/26/cms-delays-start-of-hospice-physician-enrollment-requirement/?spMailingID=113331&puid=3002522&E=3002522&utm\_source=newsletter&utm\_medium=email&utm\_campaign=113331</a>

Reps Joyce, Armstrong, Underwood, & Kiggans reintroduced the **Improving Care and Access to Nurses (I CAN)** Act. <u>HR 2713</u> Removes federal barriers that prohibit nurses from practicing to the full scope of their education and training in hospice, HHC and SNF. Read <u>more here.</u>

Expanding Access to Palliative Care Act (S. 1845) introduced by Sens Rosen(D-NV), Barrasso(R-WY), Baldwin(D-WI), and Fischer(R-NE). proposes the creation of a demonstration project to support improved access to palliative care services through a community-based model. If passed, the bill would require the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) to develop a Community-Based Palliative Care (CBPC) demonstration- interdisciplinary care to people with serious illness in their home and lead to improved quality and cost outcomes. NHPCO Press Release

**CONNECT for Healthcare Act** – (H.R.4189) Introduced by Sens Schatz (D-HI), Wicker (R-MS), Cardin (D-MD), **Thune (R-SD)**, Warner (D-VA), & Hyde-Smith (R-MS) on June 15. It would build on expanding coverage of telehealth services through Medicare and make permanent

COVID-19 telehealth flexibilities including Permanently allowing for the use of telehealth in the certification of a beneficiary for hospice. Read a summary <u>Here.</u> Read the full Bill <u>Here</u>.

Carla Graciano Sarinana- American Cancer Society- Cancer Action Network:
Palliative Care and Hospice Education and Training Act-PCHETA: Carla and
Tammy provided an update on their visit to Washington DC to meet with Sen. Thune's
office to encourage him to support the bill. Dr. Frannie Arneson, Avera Palliative Care
Physician joined the group along with a palliative care patient from Wyoming and a
representative from the Catholic Healthcare Systems to shine a light on the impact
PCHETA would have on patients. Thank you all for bringing your voices to DC.

(US SB 2243): Reintroduced by Senators Baldwin and Capito: The Palliative Care and Hospice Education and Training Act (PCHETA) requires HHS to provide support for Palliative Care and Hospice Education Centers. The centers must improve the training of health professionals in palliative care and establish traineeships for individuals preparing for advanced-education nursing degrees, social work degrees, or advance degrees in physician assistant studies in PC. HHS may provide support to medical schools, teaching hospitals, and graduate medical-education programs for training physicians who plan to teach palliative medicine. HHS must (1) provide Palliative Medicine and Hospice Academic Career Awards to individuals to promote their career development, (2) support entities that operate a Palliative Care and Hospice Education Center, (3) support individuals in specified fields who are pursuing an advanced degree in palliative care or related fields, and (4) award grants to nursing programs to train individuals in providing palliative care. The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) must provide for a national education and awareness campaign to inform patients, families, and health professionals about the benefits of palliative care. The National Institutes of Health must expand national research programs in palliative care. Read NHPCO's press release here. **Senator Rounds** (R-SD) has signed on to co-sponsor

**Improving Access to Transfusion Care for Hospice Patients Act** (US <u>SB2566</u>) A bill to require CMMI demonstration to test allowing blood transfusions to be paid separately from the Medicare Hospice all-inclusive per diem payment was reintroduced to the Senate Finance Committee by Senator Rosen (D-NV) Read more <u>here.</u>

**Provider Training in Palliative Care Act** (S.2117) Sens Rosen (D-Nev) and Murkowski (R-Alaska) reintroduced legislation designed to expand the palliative care workforce. IF enacted it would allow medical students in the National Health Service Corps' (NHSC) to defer clinical service requirements for up to one year to pursue additional training in palliative care. They would also provide primary care during their time of service with HHSC. Read more here.

Improving Access to Advance Care Planning Act (H.R.8840/S.4873) New Version will be introduced in the near future and be ready for committee mark-up when larger legislative vehicles become available. The bills, sponsored by Rep. Blumenauer (H.R. 8840) and Senator Warner (S. 4873), remove Medicare copays for all ACP counseling, authorize Licensed Clinical Social Workers to use the two ACP billing codes to pay for ACP, and provide for additional provider education on these codes.

**State Grants** 

**R01 Grant**- JR LaPlant, Tinka Duran, Bethany-Rose Daubman, MD, Frannie Arneson, MD, Mary Isaacson; Dr. Daniel Peterite- 2020-July 31, 2024

	R21Grant- Dr. Mary Isaacson et al- Through the National Institute of Nursing Research. Focus is on palliative care messaging across cultures. Ends July 31, 2024.  SD CASIC HRSA Rural Healthcare Planning Grant: Project Director- Michele Snyders with 7 Network Members to look at the feasibility of creating a statewide coalition for coordinating and advancing palliative care and hospice services in South Dakota. Ends 9/30/2024
	*All publications from South Dakota Authors can be shared on the <u>LifeCircle</u> web page if allowed by the journal. It's a great way to share education with healthcare professionals across our state.
<b>Pediatrics</b>	
Quality	Any other new hospice and/or palliative care activities in our state to follow/promote?
LTC	LTC staffing mandate and impact for future care needs- Tammy Hatting provided an overview of the LTC staffing mandate Final Rule including definition of Rural used to identify time of implementation and how this would affect SD facilities. Discussed the need to ensure home and community-based services are available to care for seriously ill individuals- this includes Home Based Palliative Care now that PC definition is in statute. Will need to look at feasibility study (PACE) for potential patient usage and providers ability to deliver the care along with deveoping workgroup that sets standards for PC to take to insurance/Medicaid for reimbursement.
Round Table	
Next meeting	May 20, 2024 @ 0900 CT/0800 MT- Please note the change in date!!!
LifeCircle Contact	Michele Snyders, MSW, CSW-PIP, APHSW-C SDAHO Hospice and Palliative Care Program Manager/LifeCircle Coordinator <u>LifeCircleSD@sdaho.org</u> New email address for LifeCircle! Use it anytime and share with others. Multiple people at SDAHO can access it when Michele is not available.  605-789-7538