| **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.  
**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** | Amanda Sedlacek, Brandi Pravecek, Cameo Anders, Carla Van Dyke, Cathy Kellogg, Charlene Berke, Dan Heineman, David Brechtelsbauer, Deb Fischer-Clemens, Frannie Arneson, Hillary Turner, Karen Jensen, Kim Malsam-Rysdon, Lavonne Gaspar, Lora Nelson, Lori Tracy, LuAnn Eidsness, Mari Perrenoud, Marty Link, Mary Hill, Mary Minton, Megan Cooper, Michelle Roy, Mitch Rave, Sandra Dieleman, Sarah Mollman, Terri Peterson-Henry, Theresa Garren-Grubbs, Michele Nysiders, Tammy Hatting, Kathy Gubin, Thomas Elness, Cate Davis; Justin Ohleen, Shawnie Rechtenbaugh, Becky Memboleo, Beth Dokken |
| **SD Definition of Palliative Care** | Palliative care is medical care for people living with a serious illness. This type of care is focused on providing relief from the symptoms and stress of illness with the goal to improve quality of life for both the patient and family. Effective palliative care is delivered by a trained team of doctors, nurses, social workers, chaplains, and other health professionals who collaborate to provide an extra layer of support. Based on the needs of the patient, not on prognosis, palliative care is appropriate at any age and any stage of serious illness and may be provided alongside curative treatments in primary and specialty settings. |

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| Welcome | Heather Krzmarzick- Division Director LTSS DHS  
Beth Dokken, Division Director, Family and Community Health- DOH  
Lori Tracy- Assistant Executive Director for South Dakota Health Care Association |
<p>| Quarterly Education | Occurs the 2nd Wednesday every 3 Months 12:00-1:00 CST |
| December 14: Operational Implications of Medical Marijuana: Confirmed - Chris Qualm- new Administrator for the Office of Medical Cannabis |
| March 8, 2023: Clinical Indicators of Medical Marijuana- Dr. Frannie Arneson-Confirmed |
| June 14th, 2023: Buprenorphine- Michele will reach out to the contact provided |
| If you have ideas for additional education, please let Michele know. |</p>
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| Hospice Education: Possible Project: Public Education to encourage patients to understand and ask for more timely hospice referrals-** Discussion with the group:** | 1) wondering if there are any quality indicators that would encourage earlier referral to hospice- not aware of any
2) Can there be something to trigger conversation with PCP
3) Possible education to create for the physicians- could partner with SDSMA to target education to the physicians. *Is this a possible project and does anyone want to volunteer to help create?*
4) **Role of Advance Care Planning vs. Goals of Care conversations in LTC/ALF**
   This presents some challenges: To make it part of admission process would need to be done at a later time than day one to ensure meds and other orders are entered and patient isn’t overwhelmed; Advance Care Planning conversations would be ok- discussing Advance Directives- but would want to get approval from the PCP and/or other physicians involved in the care of patient to have a discussion that could potentially affect the care the patient is receiving.
5) Is there a role for law students to partner with nursing/social work at the facilities to do Advance Care Planning- Legal/Medical Clinic where capacity is assessed, and documents created. Would likely need to involve legal from the systems to see what their take would be. Cameo will discuss with Law School to see if there is even an interest to create something like they are already doing with Tribal Wills Clinic.|

| Strategic Planning: SDAHO Apply for HRSA Network Planning Grant- The grant would provide funding to have a statewide meeting with stakeholders actively involved in hospice and palliative care work (ie: the grants) to see how we can build on strengths and findings of existing work, identify focus for future work. Life Circle members will be asked to participate either as a partner or a supporter. Will need to limit it to 15- no more than 20 for the planning meeting. If you want to be involved, let Michele know. She will be reaching out to get commitments from people in the coming weeks. |

| Guardianship Education Update: | Cameo Anders; Mari Perrenoud; Michele Snyders; Tammy Hatting; SDAHO education team- Michella, Stephanie, Shenna
Web page: [https://sdaho.org/guardianship/](https://sdaho.org/guardianship/)

Current 5 minute video topics include:
1. Informed Consent ✅
2. Healthcare Responsibilities ✅ Part One: The healthcare team Part two- Working with the team
3. Advance Care Planning ✅ Part one: Medical Orders Part two: Living Will & POA
4. Life Sustaining Treatment
5. Mechanical Ventilation
6. Artificial Nutrition and Hydration |
7. CPR  
8. Dialysis  
9. Palliative Care  
10. Hospice  
11. HIPPA  
12. Interpreting the letters of Guardianship  
13. Financial Information  
14. Least Restrictive- Getting the protected person involved  
15. How to Become a Guardian

LCSD Web Page  
LCSD-  https://sdaho.org/lifecircle/ now live  
Guardianship Website:  https://sdaho.org/guardianship/ now live  
SDAHO Website- Hospice and Palliative Care- Under construction.

Additional Members to Invite to LCSD  
https://sdaho.org/lifecircle/ People can register to join the group through this link-

Legislative News-  
Advancing Telehealth Beyond COVID-19 ACT (bill 4040): extends telehealth flexibilities through 2024- goes to senate. This includes “evaluation and management” and behavioral health audio-only technology and hospice face to face waiver flexibilities – Supported by Leading Age- passed the House  

No Update

Senators Warner (D-VA) and Collins (R-ME), Rep Blumenauer (D-OR) release Advance Care Planning Bill:  The Improving Access to Advance Care Planning Act (S. 4873)  is a bipartisan, bicameral bill that would allow more Americans to access advance care planning (ACP) services by allowing social workers to provide ACP services, removing beneficiary cost-sharing, and promoting increased education for providers on current ACP codes. The bill would also require improved reporting on barriers to providing ACP services and billing the corresponding codes. LeadingAge worked on this bill and LeadingAge President and CEO Katie Smith Sloan is quoted in support of it in the press release.  

Coalition to Transform Advanced Care-(CTAC)  https://thectac.org/about/  The Blumenauer/Warner Standalone Advance Care Planning Legislation:  No Update  


Supported by NHPCO- This has already passed the House- needs to pass the Senate- If it doesn’t go through by the end of December, it must start the process all over. Sen. Thune does not need to sign it, just support it.

Grief Resilience Investment and Education Fund (GRIEF) Act introduced 9/30/2022 by Congressman Joe Morelle- Spearheaded by NHPCO and Hospice Action Network (HAN): If passed, the GRIEF act would expand access to bereavement care by providing grant funding for healthcare providers, like hospices, to expand previously underfunded community grief support programs. Want more info:  https://www.nhpco.org/regulatory-and-quality/regulatory/updates/  

H.R. 8505: To amend title XVII of the Social Security Act to permit the use of telehealth for purposes of recertification of eligibility for hospice care introduced 7/26/2022 by Rep. Carol Miller (D)
### State Grants

**USD Project ECHO** - Cheryl Fischbach, Sabina Kupershmidt - December 1-
Domain 8 - Legal and ethical aspects of palliative care. Final presentation for this grant that was targeting palliative care education to critical access/rural healthcare providers using the 8 domains from the clinical practice guidelines for quality palliative care [https://www.nationalcoalitionhpc.org/ncp/](https://www.nationalcoalitionhpc.org/ncp/)

**SDPN Grant** - Charlene Berke, Sarah Mollman, Mari Perrenoud - November 17-
Palliative Care Symposium at Mount Marty University-Marian Auditorium
Link to Symposium Registration: [https://avera.cloud-cme.com/course/courseoverview?P=0&EID=17978](https://avera.cloud-cme.com/course/courseoverview?P=0&EID=17978)

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

**SDSU** - ACI in Pierre - Early PC for AI & Rural Patients w/ Advanced CA - Sarah Mollman and Brandon Varilek-

**SDSU RSCA Challenge Grant**: Brandi Pravecek - lead investigator and Mary Isaacson - co-investigator looking at the impact personal familiarity with patients has on goals of care conversations.

### Pediatric Crisis Standards of Care

Tammy Hatting - Medical group has met twice. Update: Drs Mark, Hurd and Segeleon along with Dr. Torbert have provided good feedback on the draft plan and favor the work done in Nebraska. Their research shows that the PELOD-2 which is a validated assessment tool is likely the best tool to use in Peds. Next step for the medical group - develop flow chart similar to the adult standard of care.

Legal/Ethics meet 11/8-

### Quality

**Place holder** - please share any quality information important to LifeCircle

### LTC

**Place holder** - please share any LTC/SNF/ALF information important to LifeCircle

### Round Table

**November is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month**: Thank you to everyone who works in these important areas caring for people with serious illness and their families. Take this opportunity to recognize the healthcare workers and to bring community education to your area about this type of specialized healthcare.

### Next meeting

November 28, 2022 @ 0900