

LifeCircle South Dakota

Agenda

10/28/2024

9:00 AM CT

	<p>Purpose of LifeCircle SD: Improve serious illness care for patients and their support person(s), not limited to, but including end of life care.</p> <p>Vision of LifeCircle SD: Provide a collaborative approach to improve care for South Dakotans living with serious illness and their support person(s).</p> <p>Aim of Life Circle: Interdisciplinary and inter-institutional representation of people, organizations, and institutions for the entire state.</p> <p>Goals of LifeCircle SD: To help us meet our purpose and vision, LifeCircle SD strives to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professional Education• Public Education• Patient and Support Person(s) Education• Public Policy- monitoring and advocacy <p>Monthly Meetings: Last Monday of every Month @ 0900 CST</p>
<p>Members of LifeCircle SD</p>	<p>To Join: Complete the registration page on the bottom of the LifeCircle Webpage. Once you have registered, you will receive the zoom link to get the year’s meeting planner w/link. BE SURE TO ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR!</p> <p>For a complete list of LifeCircle SD members, reach out to Michele Snyders</p>
<p>South Dakota State Definition of Palliative Care</p> <p>§34-12-1.1(13)</p>	<p>"Palliative care," specialized medical care that is provided to a patient of any age, with a serious illness at any stage, and which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(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;
<p>Items</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>Welcome</p>	<p>Dr. Emily Duffy- Monument Health- Rapid City Dr. Ryan Lewis- Sanford Health-Sioux Falls</p>
<p>ACT Index- Report compiled by CTAC to assess state</p>	<p>Follow up Discussion: In what way can LifeCircle impact these outcomes?</p> <p>Cost Domain-Areas to improve: SD has lower # hospices days/decendent and higher Medicare spending /descendants in last 2 years of life.</p> <p>Care Domain: Care: SD could improve adults getting the help/advice they need from their home health provider at the end of life.</p>

<p>and regional level on ways to improve care for those with serious illness.</p>	<p>Communication Domain: Could improve by providing more advanced care planning services for Medicare FFS beneficiaries and enabling more people to die at home.</p> <p>Caregiving and Community Domain: All states saw a drop in community support \$</p> <p>Cancer Coalition (October 9)- ACP Education: PAC-PIC- Dr. Terri Peterson-Henry will help with presentation</p>
<p>National Uniform Healthcare Decisions Act</p>	<p>AARP-due to other legislative demands, AARP is not able to introduce this session. After 2025 session, we will bring this back to LifeCircle to discuss.</p> <p>History: The Uniform Law Commission (ULC, also known as the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws), established in 1892, provides states with non-partisan, well-conceived and well-drafted legislation that brings clarity and stability to critical areas of state statutory law.</p> <p>This version was updated and “approved and recommended for enactment in all states” July 2023. An earlier version was created in 1993. Summary of 7 key improvements are here.</p>
<p>The Alliance</p>	<p>https://allianceforcareathome.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Telehealth-Coalition-Letter.pdf Michele submitted LifeCircle South Dakota’s signature to be added to this national letter as South Dakota’s hospice and palliative care organization</p>
<p>LifeCircle Dashboard</p>	<p>Purpose: Track what was accomplished- Track goals established under our 4 Goal Priority Areas. What have you done on behalf of LifeCircle in 2024- What do you remember our involvement in.</p>
<p>Quarterly Education</p>	<p>December 11: Brandon Varilek “Hospice Use Disparities for American Indian Persons with ESKD”- Please register for the education at: https://sdaho.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Fqg_cf_mQ0mb0JxnYrwiqA Once you register, you will receive the link for the zoom presentation!</p> <p>Ideas for next year:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Specialty PC-ie: perinatal, pediatric, neuro, integrated Cancer w/new ASCO Guideline -email sent to all PC physicians to see if anyone would be interested in presenting on their “specialty area” Michele will follow up individually this coming month. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Dan Mark- Pediatrics • Dr. Amanda Sedlacek: Pulmonary 2. Hospice- update on hospice benefit-medication coverage- contact- may have one through SDAHO 3. Complimentary Therapy- contact 4. Sexuality and Intimacy 5. SD MOST & Comfort One- Contact 6. Advance Care Planning and Billing – Dr. Peterson-Henry- PAC PIC 7. International End-of-Life Doula Association 8. Healwell- Palliative Massage <p>Please let Michele know if you have a speaker recommendation for the above areas.</p> <p>Please send other topics for education to michele.snyders@sdaho.org</p>
<p>MISC Education re:</p>	<p>The Hospice and Palliative Credentialing Center (HPCC) has just announced the Sandra Lee Schafer Certification Scholarships. 25 scholarships will be awarded to nurses and other members of the</p>

<p>Hospice and PC</p>	<p>interprofessional team to cover the cost of obtaining or renewing your HPCC certification. To apply for the scholarship, click here. Deadlines is November 1, 2024 11:59 PM (EDT)</p> <p>SDAHO renewed Hospice Foundation of America Membership and will make available all Live Webinars including the annual Living with Grief program. Links to register are on the SDAHO Education Calendar. Preview webinars here. Instructions for 2-step registration were emailed 8/22/24</p> <p>NHPCO Miniseries: “Go For the Gold: Brining Volunteer Services to the Front Row” Register through the SDAHO Calendar- All three are FREE to SDAHO Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> November 7- Scoring Big: Impacting Patient Experience Through Volunteer Service. <p>CAPC Free and Open to All Webinars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to support and empower caregivers of people living with dementia- Nov 14@4 ET Briefing: America’s Readiness to Meet the Needs of People with Serious Illness- the 2024 Serious Illness Scorecard- Dec 10 @ 4:30 ET <p>Register through the SDAHO Education Calendar</p> <p>Other Member Only CAPC Webinars are found on the SDAHO Education Calendar- SDAHO members get a 15% discount on their first year’s CAPC membership-</p> <p>SDAHO Education Calendar:</p> <p>10/29 Navigating Hospice Mac Audits 10/30 Understanding the FY25 Hospice CAHPS Survey Updates 11/6 Why referring clinicians hesitate to consult palliative care and what we should do differently 11/7 Meeting the need: Learning to support families who have a dying child in your neighborhood 11/7 HOPE in preparation: Elevating care with the new hospice assessment 11/12 Innovative programs to support family caregivers 11/14 Use of AI in serious illness communication 11/18 Meeting the CMS Age-friendly hospital measure in the geriatric emergency department 11/21 Concurrent care: reimbursement for providing care for children</p> <p>Please share these free educational resources with your teams and colleagues!</p>
<p>2024 Conferences</p>	<p>Please let Michele know of any conferences to post.</p>
<p>Projects:</p>	<p>Create Education for the DoH Website- Development team: Sarah Mollman, Hillary Turner; Sandra Reinesch, Megan Myers, Amanda Sedlacek, Jane Kroese, Pam Koepsell; Rebecca Piroutek, Stephanie Rissler, Sheena Thomas- Items completed thus far:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DoH link to SDAHO Palliative Care webpage Content; SDAHO Palliative Care Landing Page; Medical Professional Page for Adults which takes you to; Medical Professional Page- Primary Palliative Care; Medical Professional Page Specialty Palliative Care Page; Patient Page- Adult Support Person Page <p>Remaining Content Page:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical Professional Page- Pediatric and Perinatal Patient Page- Pediatric and Perinatal <p>Michele is meeting with Pam and Dr. Mark on Friday, October 4 to discuss content for this.</p>

<p>Guardianship Education Update:</p>	<p>Cameo Anders; Mari Perrenoud; Michele Snyders; Tammy Hatting; SDAHO education team- Michella, Stephanie, Shenna Web page: https://sdaho.org/guardianship/</p> <p>Current 5-10 minute video topics include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Informed Consent ✓- video is live on the website 2. Healthcare Responsibilities ✓ Video is Live on the website 3. Advance Care Planning ✓ video is live on the website 4. Life Sustaining Treatment-✓ 5. Medically Assisted Nutrition and Hydration- recorded ✓- video needs editing 6. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation- In Development 7. Dialysis 8. Help with Breathing 9. ICD Implant 10. What You Need to Know to Set Up a Guardianship
<p>Web Site</p>	<p>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 Michele connected with someone to see if we can make the changes recommended by Kelly LeBeaux with the GPTCHB before posting to our website.</p>
<p>Federal Legislative News-</p>	<p>Reps Joyce, Armstrong, Underwood, & Kiggans reintroduced the Improving Care and Access to Nurses (I CAN) Act. HR 2713 Removes federal barriers that prohibit nurses from practicing to the full scope of their education and training in hospice, HHC and SNF. Read more here.</p> <p>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</p> <p>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 Here. Read the full Bill Here</p> <p>Palliative Care and Hospice Education and Training Act-PCHETA (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</p>

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. **Did send the letter to Sen. Rounds, Thune and Rep. Johnson.**

Improving Access to Transfusion Care for Hospice Patients Act (US [SB2566](#)) 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 [here](#).

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.

Preserving Telehealth, Hospital and Ambulance Access Act: Passed out of the House Ways and Means Committee by a vote of 41-0 read Leading Age summary [here](#). Read [here](#) to see how this impacts hospices face to face specifically. Extends Hospital at Home waiver until 12/1/29 and telehealth extensions until 12-31-26 **Letter from LifeCircle sent to Sen Rounds and Thune and Rep. Johnson. Presenters at the CTAC leadership summit thought that if any bills were to advance yet this year it would be the telehealth extension bills.**

Gerald's Law Act: [H.R. 234](#) sponsored by Rep Jack Bergman, is a bill that requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide a burial and funeral allowance for a veteran who dies from a non-service-connected disability in a home or other setting at which the veteran was receiving VA hospice care (if such care was directly preceded by VA hospital or nursing home care).

Hospice CARE Act of 2024- Introduced into the House by Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-Oregon) September 26, 2024 which would reform the Medicare Hospice Benefit with reforms to payment structure and bolster program integrity. **LeadingAge continues to work with bill writers to fine tune areas of concern by their hospice provider members.**

Hospice

State Grants

SD CASIC HRSA Rural Healthcare Planning Grant

Publications & Marketing	*All publications from South Dakota Authors can be shared on the LifeCircle web page if allowed by the journal. It's a great way to share education with healthcare professionals across our state.
Pediatrics	<p>The Pediatric Palliative Care Coalition of Minnesota is providing 2 free webinars in November:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nov 7- 0800-0900 CT: Meeting the Need: Learning to Support Families who Have a Dying Child in Your Neighborhood • Nov 21-0800-0900 CT: Concurrent Care: Reimbursement for Providing Care for Children <p>Links to register are on the SDAHO Calendar</p>
Quality	Any other new hospice and/or palliative care activities in our state to follow/promote?
LTC	
Round Table	<p>November is national hospice and palliative care month- If you are doing anything for the month, let Michele know and we can promote that for you!</p> <p>https://www.nhpco.org/cahmresources/</p> <p>There is a new Medical Director at the Department of Health: Denise Hanisch, MD</p>
Next meeting	November 25, 2024 @ 0900 CT/0800 MT
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