**LifeCircle South Dakota**  
**09/26/2022**  
**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.  
**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, Barb Smith, 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, Patty Link, Mary Hill, Mary Minton, Megan Cooper, Michelle Roy, Mitch Rave, Sandra Dieleman, Sarah Mollman, Terri Peterson-Henry, Theresa Garren-Grubbs, Michele Snyder, Tammy Hatting, Kathy Gubin, Thomas Elness, Cate Davis; Justin Ohleen |
| **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. |

| **Agenda Items** | **Summary** |
| **Welcome** | Becky Mamboleo- MSW student project- Becky introduced her project idea of creating a brochure to be housed on the LifeCircle website. It is recommended that education be developed not only for patients and families but also for healthcare professionals as there is still some misunderstanding that palliative care is the same as hospice so patients are not being referred early for good symptom management and advance care planning.  
Justin Ohleen- Director of Advocacy and Policy: SD State Medical Association replacing Barb Smith CEO |
| **Quarterly Education** | Occurs the 2nd Wednesday every 3 Months 12:00-1:00 CST  
The recording for Dr. Bullock’s LGBTQ+ presentation is on the LifeCircle website: [https://sdaho.org/lifecircle/](https://sdaho.org/lifecircle/) click on quarterly education and click “here”  
December 14: Operational Implications of Medical Marijuana: Geno Adams- South Dakota Medical Cannabis Program Administrator- Confirmed |
**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
3. Advance Care Planning
4. Financial Information
5. Life Sustaining Treatment
6. Mechanical Ventilation
7. Artificial Nutrition and Hydration
8. CPR
9. Dialysis
10. Palliative Care
11. Hospice
12. Comfort One and MOST
13. HIPPA
14. Interpreting the letters of Guardianship

Cameo and Mari provided an update on the panel presentation at last week’s SDAHO convention- good discussion with the panel and audience members. Will add a “submit your question” form to the guardian website to field questions. One idea that came from our meeting is to develop a “how to” Guardianship process for the website so families/friends can have a resource on how to start the process and what it looks like from beginning to the end. Second video is recorded and being edited- soon to be uploaded.

**LCSD Web Page**

Guardianship- Now “Live” on the SDAHO website:  [https://sdaho.org/guardianship/](https://sdaho.org/guardianship/)

LCSD- under construction [https://sdaho.org/lifecircle/](https://sdaho.org/lifecircle/)

SDAHO Website- Hospice and Palliative Care- Under construction.

**Additional Members to Invite to LCSD**

Michele Update on Rapid City trip- Met with Monument Home Health/Hospice and Palliative Care Team members: Shelly Roy, Michelle Sieveke, Marcia Taylor and Maria Sargent. Ft. Meade VA hospice and palliative care manager, George Harr. Spearfish Palliative Care team: Dr. Kullerd, Dr. Nylander and their entire team.

Kim Malsam-Rysdon provided names to contact at DOH -Joan Adam and DHS-Shawnie Rechtenbaugh to participate in LifeCircle. They both have programs that transect what LifeCircle is working towards: State Cancer Plan and Guardianship/LTSS respectively. Michele will invite them to join.

**Legislative News-Place holder- please share information you want to be sure our group needs to know-**

House Passes 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 Rapid City uses primarily phone contact with their outpatient palliative care team, especially to the reservation areas. SDAHO shared this information with Senator Thune’s office and Dr. Baier is sending stories for us to share with his office.
Leading Age sent a letter, signed by many health advocacy organizations, asks Senators Schumer (D-NY) and McConnell (R-KY) to act this fall to ensure certainty for telehealth services including the hospice face-to-face waiver flexibilities. This summer the Advancing Telehealth Beyond COVID-19 Act (H.R. 4040) passed by a vote of 416-12 highlighting the overwhelmingly bipartisan support for this issue.

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 (HR 8840) 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: Read More in Hospice New update


NHPCO’s Hospice Action Network (HAN) is looking for letters of support. Use this link to send a letter to your Senators: https://www.hospiceactionnetwork.org/take-action/#/65

State Grants

USD Project ECHO- Cheryl Fischbach, Sabina Kupershmidt- October 27- Domain 7- promoting Comfort and Dignity for Patients and families at the end of life; December 1- Domain 8- Legal and ethical aspects of palliative care.

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 Discussion on outcomes of the education- slides reviewed. Charlene also provided a link to the publication on the Palliative Care Network Development: https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35763839/

R01 Grant- JR LaPlant, Tinka, Duran, Bethany-Rose Daubman, MD, Frannie Arneson, MD, Mary Isaacson; Dr. 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- Meeting planners have been sent to both the medical group and the legal/ethical group. Thanks for helping with names of specialists to participate- we have a great group |
| **Quality Place holder- please share any quality information important to LifeCircle** | |
| **LTC** | Michele will reach out to personally remind Lori T/Brett H with SDHCA to attend the LifeCircle meetings- They have been on the list for many years- they have a large number of LTC organizations that can benefit from LifeCircle and would be a good resource for our group. |
| **Round Table** | |
| **Next meeting** | **October 31, 2022 @ 0900** |