

LifeCircle South Dakota

Minutes

06/24/2024

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>
Members of LifeCircle SD	<p>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 Sarinãna; 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; 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</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>
South Dakota State Definition of Palliative Care §34-12-1.1(13)	<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> <p>(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;</p>

	<p>(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</p> <p>(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>
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ACT Index	<p>CTAC-2023 Advanced Care Transformation Report (ACT Index-see attached)- South Dakota’s Report Card Presented by Torrie Fields with Torrie Fields Analytics. Torrie and her team, Lea and Madeline, presented the ACT Index overview and discussed how SD fares compared to 2020 data and the national average when it comes to care for the seriously ill. 26 measures across 4 Domains were reviewed- please see attached slides for details.</p> <p>Some notes on areas to look at for improving our ACT Index:</p> <p>Care: While SD was not alone in seeing a significant drop in HHC workers from 202-2023, it is an area the state can look at to improve. Taking action for Direct care workers (pay) can continue to improve the perception of Homecare workforce.</p> <p>Communication: Advance Care Planning billing codes were used to identify those 65+ that received ACP- there was a drop from 2020-2023 and SD remains low nationally. SD deaths at home score was also low. Taking Action in these two areas can improve care for seriously ill. *What can LifeCircle’s role be to increase ACP conversations, billing etc- Provider education? Having ACP conversation, including goals of care conversations can have a trickle-down effect to increasing deaths at home as patient goals are identified and goal concordant care provided, including increased hospice usage. Ideas for improvement: 1) track this for quality measures, 2) train CHW & Social Workers to do ACP in the community vs. inpatient. Need reimbursement for this as well.</p> <p>Cost: While we had fewer hospital readmissions and inpatient LOS we also had lower hospice days and higher Medicare spending in the last 2 years of life. Taking Action to improve this score, working on increasing hospice LOS would affect both lower areas and improve ACT Index for caring for those with serious illness. * Going back to ACP discussion but maybe also hospice education- LifeCircle’s role? Access vs. awareness</p> <p>Caregiving & Community Domain: having an increase in % of seniors with a dedicated PCP may also have contributed to an increase in home delivered meals and decrease in food insecurities as social determinants of health (SDH) are now being assessed and linking to services. Taking Action: what kind of quality measures are being used to monitor outcomes to SDH needs assessments- Awareness Campaigns. Is it an access issue or an awareness issue?</p>
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Quarterly Education	September 11: Angela Visser- PhD Research on CHW and Palliative Care
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	<p>December 11: Brandon Varilek “Hospice Use Disparities for American Indian Persons with ESKD”</p> <p>Ideas for next year:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Specialty PC-ie: perinatal, pediatric, neuro & psych? 2. Hospice- update on hospice benefit-medication coverage 3. Complimentary Therapy <p>Please send other topics for education to michele.snyders@sdaho.org</p>
<p>MISC Education re: Hospice and PC</p>	<p>MJHS Hospice and Palliative Care Webinars: Link to them on the SDAHO Education Calendar or on the MJHS website. These are FREE.</p> <p>6/27- Psychosocial Needs of Cancer Patients from an Ethnically Diverse Underserved Community</p> <p>8/15- Ethical Decision Making When Advance Directives May No Longer Apply</p> <p>Social Work Hospice and Palliative Care Network (SWHPN): Free to SDAHO Members- Register on the SDAHO Education Calendar</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sexuality and Intimacy in Palliative Care: July 11, 2024, 11-12 p.m. CT/ 10-11 a.m. MT 2. Utilizing and Ecological Framework to navigate requests for Non-disclosure in Pediatric Palliative Care: August 2024- Date and Time coming soon. <p>The Hospice and Palliative Credentialing Center (HPCC) has just announced the Sandra Lee Schafer Certification Scholarships. These are awarded to nurses and other members of the interprofessional team to cover the cost of obtaining or renewing your HPCC certification. To apply for the scholarship, click here.</p>
<p>2024 Conferences</p>	<p>2024 Palliative, Hospice and Home Care Summit (BRI Network)- July 15-16- JW Marriott- Nashville, TN</p> <p>All Things Grief: an interdisciplinary conference dedicated to educating and supporting individuals who guide and care for griever. August 15, 2024, St. Paul RiverCentre Conference Interest Form</p> <p>2024 NHPCO Annual Leadership Conference - September 14-15: Preconference; September 16-18: Main Conference. Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel, Denver Colorado.</p> <p>2024 Team Conference for Hospice & Palliative Care (HPNA)- September 28- Baltimore, MD</p> <p>International Conference on Advanced Palliative Medicine, Symptom and Pain Management 2024 October 7&8 2024 New York City, NY</p> <p>2024 Home Care and Hospice Conference and Expo(NAHC)- October 20,2024- October 22, 2024; Tampa Convention Center- Tampa Florida</p>

	<p>The Coalition to Transform Advanced Care (CTAC) 2024 National Leadership Summit October 21-22 Capital Hilton in Washington DC- Registration Link</p> <p>Please let Michele know of any conferences to post.</p>
<p>Projects:</p>	<p>SD Palliative Care Map & Directory: Reema Chande & Swetha Kalapatapu- SDAHO RISE-UP summer interns project: Reema and Swetha are calling all hospitals in SD to screen for specialty trained palliative care programs and will create a Palliative Care Directory and map to be placed on the Palliative Care website. Thank you, ladies!</p> <p>National Palliative Care State Survey-CTAC-Assess Availability and Quality of Palliative Care- We will be using existing state surveys that have been modified to gather consistent information about states’ palliative care climate. This consistent information can be used to advance states initiative to develop palliative care legislation.</p> <p>Create Education for the DoH Website-Started creating content- thank you to: Hillary Turner, Sarah Mollman, Sandra Reinesch, Amanda Sedlacek, Pam Koepsell, Megan Myers, Stephanie Rissler, Sheena Thompson, and Rebecca Piroutek for all your work as we continue this education development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DoH Website- content from their page to LifeCircle/SDAHO page • SDAHO Landing Page-Content for immediate education that takes one to specific Tiles • Tiles: 5 topic areas for education include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Medical Professional Education- Adult – links to specialty PC training and to Primary PC training nearly complete. 2- Medical Professional Education- Perinatal and Pediatrics 3- Patient Education- Adult 4- Patient Education- Perinatal & Pediatric 5- Support Person(s)
<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- recording being scheduled 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 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</p> <p>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</p>

	<p>reintroduced to the Senate Finance Committee by Senator Rosen (D-NV) Read more here.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>
<p>State Grants</p>	<p>R01 Grant- JR LaPlant, Tinka Duran, Bethany-Rose Daubman, MD, Frannie Arneson, MD, Mary Isaacson; Dr. Daniel Peterite- 2020-July 31, 2024</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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-Marisette Hasan-VP Community Action and Policy for CTAC and CEO of the Carolinas Center for Hospice and End of Life Care will speak to the SD CASIC Network Members and the large group of stakeholders that attended the State Planning Session in Chamberlain last fall. This is to help us learn more about creating a more formal statewide network/coalition/ etc. She will talk about sustainability, structure, wins, pitfalls from her perspective of creating and running a state organization and working with other states.</p>
<p>Publications</p>	<p>Kupershmidt S, Pithan A, Fischbach C, Pudwill K, Berke C, Kroeze Visser A, Snyders M, Kullerd D. Pragmatic trial of palliative care support using ECHOTM mentoring. <i>JHPN</i>. October 2024; 26(5). Online Publication.</p> <p>Sedlacek A, Mollman S, Snyders M, Gierach M. The state of palliative care in south dakota. <i>South Dakota Medicine</i>. Fall 2024.</p> <p>Op-Ed- American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network & South Dakota Association of Healthcare Organizations. Palliative care: Little understood, but life-changing for those who need it. Better access could improve lives and reduce hospital stays and costs. <i>South Dakota Searchlight</i>. May 26, 2024.</p>

	*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	
Quality	Any other new hospice and/or palliative care activities in our state to follow/promote?
LTC	
Round Table	A request to have Senator Jean Hunhoff talk about LTC usage in SD as this impacts facility spending.
Next meeting	July 29, 2024 @ 0900 CT/0800 MT
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