

LifeCircle South Dakota

Minutes

09/30/2024

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>Alexis Luke; 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; 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>

(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
-------	--------

ACT Index- Report compiled by CTAC to assess state and regional level on ways to improve care for those with serious illness.

Follow up Discussion: In what way can LifeCircle impact these outcomes?
Cost Domain-Areas to improve: SD has lower # hospices days/decedent and higher Medicare spending /descendants in last 2 years of life.
Care Domain: Care: SD could improve adults getting the help/advice they need from their home health provider at the end of life.
Communication Domain: Could improve by providing more advanced care planning services for Medicare FFS beneficiaries and enabling more people to die at home.
Caregiving and Community Domain: All states saw a drop in community support \$

Beth Dokken: Beth will bring ACP to the Healthy Brain Steering Committee led by DoH which is doing strategic planning in a couple of weeks.

LTSS/Heather Kerzmarzik- Education to program participants already being done as in Step 1 of the person-centered care planning. Will provide with “Your Conversation Starter Guide” and/or our brochure. Ombudsmen to bring our brochure with them when they visit facilities. Refer participants to local clinics/hospitals/PCP for help to complete- offered any training her staff may want.

Healthy Brain Coalition-attended by Beth, Heather, Allie, Kate, Michele and many others across the state. Strategic planning for ADRD- three focus areas: prevention/Early diagnosis/late diagnosis. While ACP wasn’t discussed specifically, palliative care was discussed and could be a focus especially in the early/late diagnosis phase which would include ACP.

Dr. Heinemann shared that while going back to PCP for discussion and development of ACP, due to the efficiencies created, PCP’s no longer follow their patients across care settings, so knowledge of documents and discussions are not readily available.

Dr. Bade noted that Comfort One is not well known or used. Deb FC brought forward discussion on how to educate on the documents- MOST and Comfort One-Education could be done through LifeCircle and presented at SDAHO’s PAC PIC this spring along with another nursing conference DFC is working on also this coming April.

Sarah M discussed nursing education spheres now requiring palliative care education- original material created through the SD Palliative Care Network Grant still being used by original nursing colleges with the grant. Sarah has attended the nursing education curriculum meeting-nothing specific developed for the other colleges at this time- she presented the existing education as an option.

Cancer Coalition (October 9)- Michele attending meeting where next year’s initiatives will be discussed, including continuation of ACP as part of the state’s strategic plan.
https://www.cancersd.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/SDEAL-4546-FULL-summary-2023-Cancer-Plan-7-2023_4.pdf See page 12- Priority 12

<p>NASHP</p>	<p>Updated Maps South Dakota has now made the maps! Use the link to see specifics from the National Academy for State Health Policy’s updated palliative care maps. SD is now “Green” on two of the maps- States with Palliative Care Information Programs and recent state actions that support and expand palliative care.</p>
<p>National POLST Collaborative</p>	<p>Membership https://polst.org/ LifeCircle has joined for a trial first year, with a reduced membership fee to see what the ROI is for being a member. New focus for them is education and national data base.</p>
<p>Quarterly Education</p>	<p>Thank you Angela Krueze-Visser for presenting in September- recording found here: Look under quarterly education</p> <p>December 11: Brandon Varilek “Hospice Use Disparities for American Indian Persons with ESKD”- save the date emailed- zoom link to come</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. 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 - Contact <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: Hospice and PC</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 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"> • October 10-Developing All-Star Volunteer Leadership; • October 24-Huddling the Hospice Team: Making Successful Volunteer Assignments; • November 7- Scoring Big: Impacting Patient Experience Through Volunteer Service.

CAPC Free and Open to All Webinars:

- [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](#)

Register through the [SDAHO Education Calendar](#)

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-

The Alzheimer's Association has partnered with the UCLA ADC Program, to present an Alzheimer's and Dementia Care ECHO series. Cohorts will meet for 1-hour every two weeks, reviewing one of twelve topics each session. In addition to hearing short lectures about key dementia care topics, participating organizations will have the opportunity to present a case and receive feedback on de-identified patients who are living with dementia. This series is offered at no cost. For participation, there are up to 12 free CMEs available. **Target audience: clinics that are seeing recurring patients-each care team must be led by a clinician and must include at least one other member of your staff.**

We are accepting registrations for Fall 2024, which will begin **October 23**. Please email Rachel Goldberger at rbgoldberger@alz.org with your interest.

<https://www.adcprogram.org/adc-echo>

Flier:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CeSpeYuZs5d38qaNuO9rbsskBIY2GLwp/view?pli=1>

Free Dementia Care Training for Primary care Providers-Alzheimer's and Dementia Care ECHO program for primary care- 12 biweekly sessions starting October 10 from 12-1 CT. For more information contact Rachel Goldberger@ rbgoldberger@alz.org

[ISPEC Spiritual Care Training Course for Clinicians and Chaplains](#) Washington DC- October 28 & 29 **Application deadline 10/1**

[SDAHO Education Calendar:](#)

- Assessing and Addressing End of Life Needs of Veterans_ HFA Oct 8
- Language Matters: partnering with healthcare interpreters in palliative care- CAPC Members Only: 10/9
- Developing All-Star Volunteer Leadership- NHPCO 10/10
- Huddling the Hospice Team: Making Successful Volunteer Assignments NHPCO 10/24


Please share these free educational resources with your teams and colleagues!

2024 Conferences

[International Conference on Advanced Palliative Medicine, Symptom and Pain Management 2024](#) **October 7&8** 2024 New York City, NY

[NASW-SD 2024 West River Conference-](#) October 10 & 11, Rapid City, SD
Use code TODAYDISCOUNT to receive 40% off! 10.5 CEUs for social workers

FREE 9th Annual USD Geriatric Symposium- Virtual and In-Person options. October 11, 2024-8:00am-5:00 pm CDT. USD Wegner Library Sioux Falls. [Register here.](#)

	<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>ISPEC Spiritual Care Training Course for Clinicians and Chaplains application deadline 10/1</p> <p>Please let Michele know of any conferences to post.</p>
Logo	 <p>Reviewed proposed new logo- tag line and colors. Approved by those on the call today. Will start updating places where it is currently being used.</p>
Projects:	<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>
Guardianship Education Update:	<p>Cameo Anders; Mari Perrenoud; Michele Snyders; Tammy Hatting; SDAHO education team- Michella, Stephanie, Shenna</p> <p>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. House - 04/19/2023 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned</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 06/07/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.</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. 06/16/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.</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. 07/11/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. ONS sending letters of support to get it through this</p>

	<p>congress. Michele will draft a letter to send to Sen Rounds to thank him for his support and encourage him to continue to move it forward.</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 reintroduced to the Senate Finance Committee by Senator Rosen (D-NV) Read more here. 7/29/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance</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. 06/22/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions</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. Nothing introduced thus far</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 - 05/10/2024 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health-forwarded to full committee as amended 21-0- Amended and adopted by voice- final bill as amended was adopted in the full committee 41-0 (as of 9/19/24)</p> <p>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). - 04/19/2023 Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.</p> <p>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</p>
Hospice	<p>NAHC-NHPCO Alliance announces New Organizational Name: National Alliance for Care at Home. New website: AllianceForCareAtHome.org- for existing and new members</p>



National Alliance for Care at Home

2024 NHPCO [Facts and Figures](#) now out

HOPE tool [guidance manual](#) now available- Slated for implementation 10/25- will replace the Hospice Item Set (HIS) quality reporting system- extracts item set data from the patient's medical record and will measure hospice care at different points in the patient experience (admission, update visit, at discharge) based on interactions with the patient and family/caregiver. More info [here](#).

State Grants

SD CASIC HRSA Rural Healthcare Planning Grant: No-Cost extension received- will hold another planning meeting this spring to finalize formation of the State Hospice and Palliative Care Coalition.

Publications & Marketing

Kupersmidt, Sabina PhD; Pithan, Anne DNP; Fischbach, Cheryl DNP; Pudwill, Katie RDH, MSDH; Berke, Charlene BS; Kroeze Visser, Angela MPH; Snyders, Michele MSW; Kullerd, Deborah MD. Pragmatic Trial of Palliative Care Support Using Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes Mentoring. Journal of Hospice & Palliative Nursing 26(5):p E170-E179, October 2024. | DOI: 10.1097/NJH.0000000000001060

Dr. Sedlacek, Sarah Mollman, Michelle Gierach, Michele Snyders writing project- three articles hopeful to be published in SD Med Magazine to coordinate with National Hospice and Palliative Care Month. Potential for 1 or two more articles.

*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

November is national hospice and palliative care month- www.nhpc.org/cahmresources/

October's meeting we will meet two of our states newest palliative care physicians: Dr. Emily Duffy from Monument Health and Dr. Ryan Lewis from Sanford

Eric Nelson- AARP-SD: will present on the Uniform Health-Care Decisions Act- <https://www.uniformlaws.org/viewdocument/as-approved-act-2023-annual-meeti-3?CommunityKey=5d7366a0-caa4-4b86-abe5-0a24f5860223&tab=librarydocuments>

At the National Level- AARP is supporting this and hopes that it can be implemented at the state level. Please look at the draft from the Uniform Law Commission. We will need input from members and health systems on the pros/cons of this act and if we should move it forward in our state.

	<p>Quick summary from the American Bar Association: https://www.americanbar.org/groups/law_aging/publications/bifocal/vol45/vol45issue1/new-health-care-decisions-act/#:~:text=The%20Act%20governs%20advance%20directives,known%20what%20care%20they%20want</p>
Next meeting	October 28, 2024 @ 0900 CT/0800 MT
LifeCircle Contact	<p>Michele Snyders, MSW, CSW-PIP, APHSW-C SDAHO Hospice and Palliative Care Program Manager/LifeCircle Coordinator LifeCircleSD@sdaho.org 605-789-7538</p>