

## LifeCircle South Dakota

### Agenda

2/24/2025

9:00 AM CT

	<p><b>Purpose of LifeCircle SD:</b> Improve serious illness care for patients and their support person(s), not limited to, but including end of life care.</p> <p><b>Vision of LifeCircle SD:</b> Provide a collaborative approach to improve care for South Dakotans living with serious illness and their support person(s).</p> <p><b>Aim of Life Circle:</b> Interdisciplinary and inter-institutional representation of people, organizations, and institutions for the entire state.</p> <p><b>Goals of LifeCircle SD:</b> To help us meet our purpose and vision, LifeCircle SD strives to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Professional Education</li><li>• Public Education</li><li>• Patient and Support Person(s) Education</li><li>• Public Policy- monitoring and advocacy</li></ul> <p><b>Monthly Meetings: Last Monday of every Month @ 0900 CST</b></p>
<b>Members of LifeCircle SD</b>	<p>To Join: Complete the registration page on the bottom of the <a href="#">LifeCircle Webpage</a>. 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>
<b>South Dakota State Definition of Palliative Care</b>  <b>§34-12-1.1(13)</b>	<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"><li>(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;</li><li>(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</li><li>(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;</li></ul>
<b>Items</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Welcome</b>	<b>LuAnn Weisser- Nurse from Avera Eureka Healthcare Center</b> <b>Michelle Jury- BSN,RN, CPHQ Clinical Improvement Consultant w/SDAHO</b>
<b>AAHPM</b>	<b>Sarah Mollman attended the very large Assembly- 2500 attendees in Colorado-Sara and Dr. Sedlacek presented on the Interdisciplinary Palliative Care Seminar and Sara and</b>

	<p>Brandon Varilek had a poster on their research with access to care in rural areas and American Indian Persons. A lot of talk on the uncertainty of funding at the federal level.</p>
CAPC Scorecard	<p><b>Review SD Scorecard.</b> Recording can be found <a href="#">here</a> under quarterly Education. <b>Full CAPC Scorecard</b> can be found <a href="#">Here</a>. Scorecard Overview: <a href="#">here</a> South Dakota Scorecard <a href="#">Here</a>.</p> <p>Self-reporting of palliative care teams in South Dakota may not have been an accurate picture of the landscape in South Dakota. Discussion on potential priorities for South Dakota to improve the score including providing education to state legislators. Family Centered care is being discussed through the Medical Directors Association-difficult to implement due to caseload and other competing priorities. Recommendations from CAPC: State policy makers and champions to explore actions-<b>found in the Scorecard Overview- link above</b></p> <p>What role can LifeCircle play in elevating SD's score- review the documents and send thoughts to Michele</p>
Proposed DEA Rule	<p>New E-Prescribing Category of Controlled Substances for Hospice, other settings. DEA <a href="#">press release</a></p>
National Healthcare Decisions Day (NHDD)	<p>Wednesday April 16, 2025-promotional ideas and resources can be found on the Conversation Project's <a href="#">website</a></p> <p>SDAHO will be partnering with the Coalition for Compassionate Care of California to bring a FREE webinar on April 16<sup>th</sup> called: <b><i>AI for Advance Care Planning</i></b>. Link to come soon</p>
HFA	<p>Seeking Hosts for an ACP project: Facebook ACP</p> <p><b>What are the hosts' expectations?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recruit 15-25 group members.</li> <li>Post content twice per day (content, graphics, and schedule provided).</li> <li>Engage with the group daily for 14 days.</li> </ul> <p><b>Support is available!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Host stipend provided.</li> <li>\$50 gift cards provided to participants.</li> <li>Participant recruitment materials provided.</li> <li>Technical training provided by HFA staff.</li> <li>Assistance provided by HFA's ACP-trained nurse practitioner</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Click here to let us know and we'll be in touch!</a></p>
Palliative Care Education for DoH website	<p><b>Create Education for the DoH Website-</b> 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"> <li>DoH link to SDAHO Palliative Care webpage Content;</li> <li>SDAHO Palliative Care Landing Page;</li> <li>Medical Professional Page for Adults which takes you to;</li> <li>Medical Professional Page- Primary Palliative Care;</li> <li>Medical Professional Page Specialty Palliative Care Page;</li> <li>Patient Page- Adult</li> <li>Support Person Page</li> <li>Medical Professional Page- Pediatric and Perinatal</li> </ul> <p>Remaining Content Page:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Patient Page- Pediatric and Perinatal</b></li> </ul>

	Once Pam K from Sanford Peds reviews the final page, we will update to Palliative Care Website that will have information and resources for professionals, patients and caregivers. It is already linked to the Department of Health Website so content will just be updated
<b>Guardianship Education Update:</b>	<p>Cameo Anders; Mari Perrenoud; Michele Snyders; Tammy Hatting; SDAHO education team- Michella, Stephanie, Shenna</p> <p>Web page: <a href="https://sdaho.org/guardianship/">https://sdaho.org/guardianship/</a></p> <p>Current 5-10 minute video topics include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Informed Consent ✓- video is live on the website</li> <li>2. Healthcare Responsibilities ✓ Video is Live on the website</li> <li>3. Advance Care Planning parts 1 &amp; 2 ✓ video is live on the website</li> <li>4. Life Sustaining Treatment-✓</li> <li>5. Medically Assisted Nutrition and Hydration-✓-</li> <li>6. <b>Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation- In Development</b></li> <li>7. Dialysis</li> <li>8. Help with Breathing</li> <li>9. ICD Implant</li> <li>10. What You Need to Know to Set Up a Guardianship</li> </ol>
<b>Administrative Rule Advance Directive Education for LTC project</b>	<p>Effective 11/11/24- <a href="https://rules.sd.gov/Uploads/843_AdoptedRules.pdf">https://rules.sd.gov/Uploads/843_AdoptedRules.pdf</a> pg 56</p> <p>LifeCircle to help with training-Requested by SDAHO LTC Admin and DON</p> <p>Dr. Precilla Bade, Melissa Schilousky, MSN, FNP-C, CNP – finalizing the content of a 15-20 minute PP for LTC facilities to use to train their staff on Advance Directives now required with the updated Administrative Rule. Pre/Post test being created. Video will be accessed through a you tube link- test can be downloaded from the LifeCircle Website</p>
<b>LifeCircle Education 2025</b>	<p><b>March 12-</b> Omni Kitts- IELDA- End of Life Dulas- Please <a href="#">register here</a> to get the Zoom Link for the education!</p> <p><b>April 8 &amp; 9-</b> SDAHO Post Acute Care Partners in Care Conference</p> <p><b>May 14-</b> Laura Bryant Earner- Healwell- Palliative Massage</p> <p><b>July 9<sup>th</sup></b> – Emily Kasmar- DNP Student- Sturgis: Implementing the IHI Age Friendly Health System in the VA Nursing Home</p> <p><b>November 12<sup>th</sup>:</b> Carrie Christopherson- SD DoH Public Health Advisor/Hospice Certification</p> <p><b>To be scheduled:</b></p> <p>Dr. Dan Mark/Pam Koepsel -Perinatal/Pediatric Palliative Care-TBD</p> <p>Dr. Terri Peterson-Henry- ACP and Billing for ACP-Possible June</p> <p>Dr. Amanda Sedlacek- Pulmonary Palliative Care-TBD</p> <p>We Honor Veterans-TBD</p>
<b>ELNEC Training</b>	<p><b>End of Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC) RN Training- Show Flier</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 23, 2025</li> <li>• September 10, 2025</li> </ul>

<b>Hospice and Palliative Care Credentialing Center (HPCC)</b>	Provides 8 HPC <a href="#">credentialing programs</a> . HPCC recently updated its list of free CE's to help with renewal requirements-Hospice and Palliative Accrual for Recertification (HPAR) 2.0 HPAR points: <a href="#">Serious Illness Conversation</a> 4.0 HPAR Points: <a href="#">See you Now: Focus on Mental Health</a> <a href="#">Full list of fee CEs</a>
<b>MISC Education re: Hospice and PC</b>	<p><a href="#">Hospice Foundation of America</a>: SDAHO has an agreement with HFA to offer their Live Webinars, including the annual Living with Grief program, <b>FREE</b> to SDAHO members. Links to register are on the <a href="#">SDAHO Education Calendar</a>. There is a 2-step registration process: first through the SDAHO Education Calendar. Once registered here, you will receive a <b>link to the HFA Registration Page and a FREE Coupon Code</b> to use when you register on the HFA site. Preview webinars <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p><b>March 11, 2025- Dementia and End of Life Care: Clinical Responses and Interventions</b></p> <p><a href="#">CAPC:</a></p> <p><b>Feb 26<sup>th</sup>: How Palliative Care Leaders Can Navigate Challenging HAR Discussions- Members only</b></p> <p><b>March 3: Exploring the Intersection of Administrative Purden and Health Professional Well-Being- Members Only</b></p> <p><b>March 18: Best Practices for Providing High-Quality Palliative Care for People with Disabilities- FREE and OPEN to ALL</b></p> <p><b>April 2: How to Improve Palliative Care in the Emergency Department: Learnings from the EMPallia Study- Members Only</b></p> <p><b>April 8: Best Practices for Providing High Quality Palliative Care for Diverse Communities- FREE and OPEN to ALL</b></p> <p><b>May 14: The Art of the Ask: Advocating for What You Need to Succeed- Members Only</b></p> <p><b>May 21: Exploring Telehealth in Palliative Care: Policy, Payment and Research- Members Only</b></p> <p>The courses in the <a href="#">Symptom Management Unit</a> will expire 3/3/2025. New Symptom Management courses will launch on March 5 (Member only access)</p> <p><b>SDAHO members get a 15% discount on their first year's CAPC membership</b></p> <p><a href="#">MJHS Institute for Innovation in Palliative Care: Free Webinars</a></p> <p><b>February 27: New Drug Classes/Therapies in Palliative Care</b></p> <p><b>March 13: Project Respect: Experiences of Seriously Ill LGBTQ+ Patients/Partners With Their Healthcare Providers</b></p> <p><a href="#">University of Minnesota Center for Bioethics Grand Rounds: Free</a></p> <p><b>Navigating Dual Diagnosis of Mental Health with People Living with Dementia Virtual Symposium: Thursday March 27, 2025   12:00-4:00 p.m. CST Free- <a href="#">register here</a></b></p> <p><a href="#">Coalition for Compassionate Care of California</a></p>

	<p>March 10  12:00-1:00 PM <u>Pacific Time</u> <a href="#">Navigating Responsible Use of Health AI for Serious Illness</a>- <b>cost is \$45</b></p> <p>March 28  12:00-1:00 <u>Pacific</u> <a href="#">AI Decoded: Basics and Applications of AI for Serious Illness Care Providers</a>- <b>Cost is \$45</b></p> <p>SDAHO education next Thursday February 27: Food Allergies and Intolerances- CE for NHA &amp; SW <a href="#">Register here</a></p> <p>Please feel free to share these free educational resources with your teams and colleagues!</p>
<b>2025 Conferences</b>	<p><b>Minnesota Network of Hospice &amp; Palliative Care (MNHPC)</b> <a href="#">“Charting New Paths”</a> April 7&amp; 8 Radisson Blu Mall of America</p> <p>SDAHO Post-Acute Partners in Care Conference <a href="#">“Embracing the Seasons of Change”</a> April 8&amp;9  Sioux Falls Convention Center</p> <p><b>Social Work Hospice &amp; Palliative Care Network (SWHPN)</b> <a href="#">Annual Forum</a> April 28-29 @ University of Minnesota- Minneapolis</p> <p>“Celebrating Our Works of Hope” <a href="#">National Association of Catholic Chaplains</a> Conference (NACC) May 16-19 Buffalo, NY</p> <p><a href="#">The National Alliance for Care at Home- Summer Conference with HHFMA</a>: July 27-29 Chicago, IL</p> <p><a href="#">2025 HPNA Annual Conference</a> October 27-28 Lake Buena Vista, FL</p> <p><a href="#">The National Alliance for Care at Home- Fall Conference</a>: November 2-4 New Orleans, LA (Interdisciplinary Conference-Clinical)</p> <p><b>CAPC</b> <a href="#">National Seminar</a> September 15-17 Philadelphia, PA</p> <p><b>Please let Michele know of any conferences to post.</b></p>
<b>Federal Legislative News- 119 Congress- to be updated</b>	<p>Senate (<a href="#">S. 575</a>) and House of Representative (<a href="#">H.R. 1317</a>) led by Rep. David Joyce (R-OH) and Senator Jeff Merkley (D-OH) re-introduced <b>Improving Care and Access to Nurses (I CAN)</b> Removes federal barriers that prohibit nurses from practicing to the full scope of their education and training in hospice, HHC and SNF. The <a href="#">legislation</a> would also allow NPs to certify the terminal illness for hospice admission, expand eligibility to certify and recertify a Medicare beneficiary for home health services to certified nurse-midwives, and remove the requirement that SNF care be provided under the supervision of a physician and authorize NPs to perform admitting examinations and all required patient assessments.</p> <p><b>Expanding Access to Palliative Care Act</b> (<a href="#">S. 1845</a>) 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</p>

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](#)

**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](#)

**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.

**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.

	<p><b>Preserving Telehealth, Hospital and Ambulance Access Act:</b> Passed out of the House Ways and Means Committee by a vote of 41-0 read Leading Age summary <a href="#">here</a>. Read <a href="#">here</a> 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><b>Gerald's Law Act:</b> <a href="#">H.R. 234</a> 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). <a href="#">Passed the House</a> as of 11/19/24 <b>Signed into Law 1/2/2025</b></p> <p><b>Hospice CARE Act of 2024-</b> 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> <p>Enhancing Hospice Oversight and Transparency Act <a href="#">H.R. 10097</a> Introduced by Reps Beth Van Duyne (R-Texas) and Jimmy Panetta (D-California). The bill would ensure transparency to those hospices chosen for the SFP, require completed surveys prior to the SFP's launch, and delay the launch of the SFP program according to Katie Smith Sloan-CEO of Leading Age. Read more <a href="#">here</a> Information on the Special Focus Program can be found <a href="#">here</a>. Concerns about the SFP: <a href="#">LeadingAge</a> <a href="#">The Alliance for Care at Home</a></p>
<b>Hospice</b>	<p>1 Hour Hospice Training: Julie Sampson from Prairie Lakes Home Health and Hospice will record this training and will be available for SDAHO members to use.</p> <p>Effective 2/14/2025: <a href="#">CMS announced</a> the implementation of the Hospice Special Focus Program for CY 2025 has ceased to further evaluate the program. Read the <a href="#">LeadingAge</a> and <a href="#">The National Alliance for Care at Home</a> press releases for more information.</p> <p><b>Enclara Pharmacia:</b> <a href="#">Free eBook</a>: Crucial Conversations: Educating Patients &amp; Caregivers on Common Symptoms in Hospice Care</p> <p>Telehealth waivers to end 3/31/25- Reverts back to Pre-COVID rules including the face to face recertification. CMS FAQ for telehealth link <a href="#">here</a> CMS Updated Telehealth coverage webpage <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
<b>Advance Care Planning Tool</b>	<p><b>Ariadne Labs</b> updated <a href="#">Serious Illness Conversation Guide</a>: Same structure and flow- now with patient-tested changes to the language. New Question about Hope based on patient input.</p>
<b>State Grants</b>	
<b>Publications &amp; Marketing</b>	<p>Dixon JD, Josyula AV, Javier NM, Zweig Y, Singh M, Kim L, Thothala N, Farrell TW. American Geriatrics Society position statement: Making medical treatment decisions for unrepresented older adults. J Am Geriatr Soc. 2024 Nov 30. doi: 10.1111/jgs.19288. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 39614758.</p> <p><a href="#">Download</a></p>

	<p>Updated from the 2017 AGS Position Statement “Making Medical Treatment Decisions for Unbefriended Older Adults”</p> <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replace “unbefriended” with “unrepresented”</li> <li>• Need for more uniform legal standards across states to address substantial variability in approaches to unrepresented patients. State laws should be thoughtfully considered, and clinicians and healthcare organizations should advocate to allow nontraditional surrogates to serve as representatives for older adults when appropriate (<i>Uniform Healthcare Decisions Act</i>)</li> <li>• Proactive measures are needed to identify older adults at risk for becoming unrepresented, and unbiased, fair, and standardized methods should be developed to make medical decisions for unrepresented older adults.</li> </ul> <p>*All publications from South Dakota Authors can be shared on the <a href="#">LifeCircle</a> web page if allowed by the journal.</p>
<b>Pediatrics</b>	<p>U of M Center for Bioethics Grand Rounds: Where Do We Go From Here? Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Pediatric Health Disparities in 2025 and Beyond. Free and open to all. <a href="#">Register here</a></p>
<b>LTC</b>	<p>Representative Michelle Fischbach (R-MN) led the February 13 introduction of the <i>Protecting American Seniors Access to Care Act</i> (<a href="#">H.R. 1303</a>), a bill to prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services from implementing, administering, or enforcing provisions of the federal minimum staffing rule for nursing homes.</p>
<b>Round Table</b>	
<b>Next meeting</b>	<b>March 31, 2025 @ 0900 CT/0800 MT- New link to come</b>
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