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ASSOCIATION NEWS

Save the Date
Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2015

The Illinois Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (IL-HPCO)
Annual Education Symposium

The Right Care, In the Right Place, At the Right Time

To be held at Memorial Center for Learning and Innovation
Springfield, Illinois

Conference information due out in spring!
Plan to be there!!!!

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LEGISLATIVE NEWS

Betsy D. Mitchell, MPA

IL/HPCO Legislative Consultant

Betsy D. Mitchell, MPA, IL-HPCO's legislative consultant in Springfield, IL, offers her report on pending bills and relevant state legislation. Her column is a regular feature in the e-news.

New Governor Sworn In

On Monday, January 12, 2015 Governor Rauner and the other constitutional officers were sworn into office. This was followed by a day of festivities. Governor Rauner has begun the process of naming his directors

for the state agencies. As this is being written, directors for the Illinois Department of Healthcare & Family Services nor the Illinois Department of Public Health have been named. These names are expected soon.

On Wednesday, January 14, 2015 new members of the 99th Illinois General Assembly were sworn into office. There are several new faces. Now is a good time for you to introduce yourself to your legislators if you have not done so already. New legislation is beginning to be introduced. I will keep you posted on the new bills.

Important Upcoming Dates

February 4 -- State of the State Address by Governor Rauner

February 18 -- Governor Rauner's Budget Address

May 31 -- House & Senate Adjournment

Contact Info

Never hesitate to contact me if you want additional legislative information. You can reach me at 217-493-2474 or Betsy@cook-witter.com

General News



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VETERANS' CORNER

No Current Updates

Members - here is the current Hospice-Veterans Partnership groups in Illinois. Please contact the location in your service area if you are interested in becoming involved as a member:

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GENERAL NEWS



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ONGOING EVENTS

Please e-mail editor@il-hpc.org with any additions or changes.

Ingalls Hospice Bereavement Support Group Services for 2014

"Hope and Healing"

Every Monday at 2:00 p.m.

Support groups for individuals and families who have experienced the loss of a loved one.

"Straight Talk"

Third Wednesday of every month at 6:00 p.m.

A grief support group just for men who have experienced the loss of a loved one.

Widow/Widower Support

This six-week session will focus on providing support through topical discussions.

Call for the date of the next session.

All groups are located on the
Ingalls Hospice Inpatient Unit
North Building, 2nd Floor
155th Wood Street
Harvey, IL 60426

Please call to reserve a space
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