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The Right Care in the Right Place at the Right Time



The Illinois Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (IL HPCO) was founded in 1980 and is committed to promoting and enhancing end of life care in the state of Illinois, through education, advocacy, technical and supportive services.

IL HPCO's Mission

To expand access to exceptional hospice and palliative care for patients and families coping with the close of life experience.

The object of hospice care is to treat the whole person, not the disease. It is family-centered care that addresses the physical, spiritual, emotional, and practical needs of a patient with a life-threatening illness. An interdisciplinary team of health care professionals work with the patient and family to design and implement a plan of care unique to each patient.

2017 Accomplishments

This has been another transformative year for IL-HPCO. Through strong leadership, greater sponsorship, staff management, and renewed engagement and investment in members IL-HPCO has accomplished the following in twelve months.

- Elevated and grew Board leadership and committee/workgroup engagement
- Enhanced the Website
- Increased communication to membership through newsletter and e-blast messages
- Formalized and enriched Newsletter content
- Increased educational activities through Webinar partnership with Hospice Home Network, Telliger and Weatherbee
- Strengthened strategic partnerships, Illinois Health and Hospital Association, GIPPCC, and POLST, IDPH Advisory Board on Hospice and Palliative Care and Department of Family Services and Illinois Comptroller's Office.
- Partnered with POLST which is now an official part of IL-HPCO
- Enhanced membership value proposition through education offerings and regional meetings
- Increased Sponsorships at the Platinum and Exhibitor level
- Implemented legislature payment for burials in Illinois



- Grew membership
- Increased Annual Education Conference Attendance
- Launched Reimbursement Workgroup
- Representation at Palmetto GBA meetings
- Consistently engages with HFS and IDPH

2018 Goals

- Quarterly Regional Meetings
 - May-Peoria
 - June/July- Northern IL TBD
 - August-Marion
 - October 11-Naperville
- Annual Education Pre-Conference in Naperville October 10
- Annual Education Conference in Naperville October 11
- Reimbursement Audio Conferences Quarterly for Members
- Webinars and other e-learning opportunities
- Educational opportunities with strategic partners, GIPPCC, POLST, Telligen, Weatherbee, Hospice Home Network
- Legislative Advocacy Day in Springfield
- Partnerships with Illinois Health and Hospital Association and GIPPCC
- POLST/ACP Resources, Tools and Education
- Ongoing enhancement of Website Content, Resources and Communications

Membership 2017

Blessing Hospice & Pal Care
Celtic Healthcare Marion
Celtic Healthcare Shilo O'Fallon
Celtic Healthcare Vernon
Family Hospice of Belleville
Guiding Light
Heritage Healthcare
Hospice Care of America
Hospice of Calumet Area
Joliet Area Community Hospice
JourneyCare
Kish Health Systems Hospice
Lincolnland Hospice/Sarah Bush
Lincoln Health
Loyola Medicine Hospice

Memorial Home Services Hospice
Northern Illinois Hospice
Rainbow Hospice & Palliative
Care
Safe Haven Hospice
Seasons Hospice & Palliative
Care
St. Margaret's Hospice
Transitions Hospice
Vitas Healthcare #31
Vitas Healthcare #35
Vitas Healthcare #37
Vitas Healthcare #38
Vitas Healthcare #73
VNA Health



Board of Directors 2017

Sarah Bealles, Chair-JourneyCare
Nancy Sehy, Chair-Elect, Lincolnland Hospice
Michael McHale, Treasurer, Rainbow Hospice
(resigned when moved to COLO)
Ronda Dudley, Secy, Memorial Home Svcs.
Matt Brauss, Family Hospice of Belleville
Teresa Gobeli, KishHealth
Julie Goldstein, Advocate IL. Masonic
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Kim Kranz, Celtic Healthcare *(resigned when moved to PA)*
Diane Nowak, Dignity Memorial
Kate Proctor, Seasons
Dale Righter, Senator-55th District
Robert Seipel, Crowe Horwath
Mary Sheehan, Joliet Area Community
Kellie Newman, Vitas
Pam Cramer, Executive Director-IL HPCO

Committees and Workgroups 2017

Executive Committee
Governance Committee
Finance Committee
Education Committee
Legislative Committee
POLST Committee
Communications & Membership Workgroup
Reimbursement Workgroup

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