

ANNUAL REPORT

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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.

2018 Accomplishments

IL-HPCO continues to grow and expand value to its members. 2018 started with the Board leadership holding a professionally-conducted strategic planning session. The focus for 2018 will be Advocacy and Education. Please see below the most important accomplishments of your state organization.

- Provided three audio conferences on Payment & Billing to all IL-HPCO members
- Engaged IDPH Officials in ongoing discussions about POLST IL
- Increased bed limit in Hospice Homes from 16 to 20
- Offered Hospice Home Webinars at discount to all IL-HPCO members
- Sent two POLST representatives to National POLST Committee meeting
- Partnered with Weatherbee with BootCamp
- Holds two seats and send IL-HPCO representatives to Palmetto GBA Hospice meetings
- Offered Wisconsin hospice IL-HPCO member discounts through mid 2019
- Maintains a stakeholder Board of Directors, providing over 50% Provider Leaders
- Published six Newsletters
- Provided Hospice News Network to all IL-HPCO members monthly
- Co-hosted interdisciplinary roundtable at Northwestern Univ on POLST
- Strengthened strategic partnership with GIPPCC, IDHP Advisory Board on Hospice and Palliative Care



- Increased Annual Conference Attendance
- Increased Sponsorships at the Platinum and Exhibitor level
- Launched a Task Force on Elimination of Room and Board Payment
- Established quarterly meeting with HFS and Illinois Association of Managed Health Plans

2019 Goals

- Elimination of Room and Board Pass Through
- Palliative Care in the Community focus with IL-HPCO Workgroup
- Quarterly Regional Meetings
- Quarterly Reimbursement Audio Conferences
- Quarterly meetings with IL-HPCO member payment leaders and MCO leaders
- Quarterly meetings with IL-HPCO member payment leaders and IL DHFS
- Annual Education Pre-Conference in Naperville October 16
- Annual Education Conference in Naperville October 17
- Webinars and other e-learning opportunities
- Educational opportunities with strategic partners, GIPPCC, POLST, Weatherbee, Hospice Home Network
- Legislative Advocacy Day in Springfield-April 3 and Fall TBA
- Partnerships with Illinois Health and Hospital Association and GIPPCC
- POLST/ACP Resources, Tools and Education
- Ongoing enhancement of Website Content, Resources and Communications



Membership 2018

Blessing Hospice & Palliative
Care
Celtic Healthcare Marion
Celtic Healthcare Shilo O'Fallon
Celtic Healthcare Vernon
Chicago HOPE
Family Hospice of Belleville
FHN Hospice
Guiding Light
Harbor Light
Heartland Hospice/Frankfort
Heartland Hospice/Westmont
Heritage Healthcare
Hospice of Calumet Area
Hospice of Kankakee
Joliet Area Community Hospice
JourneyCare
Kish Health Systems Hospice
Lincolnland Hospice/Sarah Bush
Loyola Medicine Hospice
Maple Creek Hospice
Memorial Home Services Hospice
Northern Illinois Hospice
Peace Hospice
Rainbow Hospice & Palliative
Care
Residential Hospice
Safe Haven Hospice
Seasons Hospice & Palliative
Care
Serenity
St. Margaret's Hospice
Transitions Hospice
Vitas Healthcare #31
Vitas Healthcare #35
Vitas Healthcare #37
Vitas Healthcare #38
Vitas Healthcare #73
VNA Health

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The Horton Group



Board of Directors 2018

Mary Sheehan, Chair-Joliet Area Community Hospice
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Committees and Workgroups 2018

Executive Committee
Governance Committee
Finance Committee
Education Committee
Legislative Committee
POLST Committee
Communications & Membership Committee
Reimbursement Workgroup
Palliative Care Workgroup
Elimination of Room & Board Pass Through Workgroup