Messag from the executive director-Pam Cramer

THE COVID WORLD

It's a time of excitement and exhaustion, each day is "IMPROV." We have pivoted from our Annual Educational Conference in October to a virtual Webinar Series beginning in June. We are exploring creative and innovative ways to involve all our partners: members; industry; allied health groups. We have never been more aligned with IDPH, CMS and NHPCO. And all providers in Illinois, members or nonmembers. As Mary Sheehan said in March "There are no competitors, we are all in this together."

Although IL-HPCO is not the size of the American College of Healthcare Executives, the American Diabetes Association or NHPCO, it was still a crushing decision to postpone our Annual Conference. ASAE (American Society of Association Executives) tells us that healthcare associations expect to lose 34% of revenues due to COVID, compared to 21% for all other industries. And that is due to the import of their annual conferences.

Reconstruction isn't easy, but it's exciting. Our new approach to learning will provide us the opportunity to reach more Providers and partners. We may be able to engage those that have never been to a conference. Members will be able to access the content at a relatively low price compared to traveling to a day and a half conference. It will not be the same, but it's the next best thing. We will be using Zoom Meeting technology and providing professional moderating and break-out rooms so attendees can access speakers.

As a professional organization we are redoing everything – our leaders are working harder and faster than ever before. Committee meetings once a month with an established agenda aren't quite the norm anymore. Things are moving too fast. Some committees, like the Education Committee have gone to meeting every two weeks just to keep up.

My hope is that we can take our learnings from these challenging times and apply them as we move forward. Blessings to all of you for what you do every day.

On a personal note, I can't wait to get back to HOSPICE HUGS !!!

IL-HPCO Launches Virtual Webinar Conference Series –The Best Speakers at a Safe Distance

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, IL-HPCO has announced that the Annual Educational Conference scheduled at Northern Illinois University(NIU) in Naperville in October will be postponed to October 5-6, 2021. IL-HPCO will be offering six Webinars as listed below. We are blessed to have nationally renowned speakers. You will be getting details on each one as we get closer. Webinars will be on Wednesday from 11:30-1:00 CT. The charge will be $25/Webinar for members and $125 for the series (all six). Each person registered will receive 1.5 hours of CE (nurses and social workers) for each Webinar. Registration link will be sent out in the near future.

SAVE THESE DATES !

Wednesday, June 24, 11:30-1:00 Jennifer Kennedy, NHPCORegulatory Update-New World

Wednesday, July 29, 11:30-1:00 Connie Polke, CRT-CHUG Team Emergency Preparedness

Wednesday, Sept 2, 11:30-1:00 Mary Mihalyo, PharmDDeprescribing-What's coming !

Wednesday, Oct 7, 11:30-1:00 Martha Twaddle, MD Pandemic Learnings

Wednesday, Nov 4, 11:30-1:00 Diane Meier, MD, Director-CAPC Pandemic Palliative Care

Wednesday, Dec 2, 11:30-1:00 Generations in the Workplace Staffing Crisis and How-to's

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