IL-HPCO wins $25,000 grant from NHPCO and Department of Veterans Affmed Care for Veterans on Hospice Initiative

This new initiative will focus on hospice protocols for Veteran-related issues, training staff, and collaborating with VA telemental health services. This will include a pilot triage mechanism to screen referrals to VA's PTSD Consultation Program. This initiative has been mandated by Congress to support efforts to improve access to key resources and services available from the VA and to disseminate key trainings on trauma informed care as provided through the "We Honor Veterans program."

IL-HPCO will facilitate Veteran-specific training on PTSD, Moral Injury, and suicide prevention; implement structured hospice protocols and guidelines specific to the provision of trauma-informed care; pilot a triage mechanism within We Honor Veterans to screen referrals and promote access to VA telemental health services and share programmatic data.

This grant and collaboration will enable IL-HPCO to rebuild its Hospice-Veteran Partnership. 41% of IL-HPCO membership have earned the Level Four designation. New education offerings focused on these elements wil improve IL-HPCO's hospices inter-disciplinary staffs service to Veterans at the end of life. Our objective is to grow our membership to 35 hospices that have at least Level Four Designation and to train 175 hospice staff members and volunteers.

"The Trauma-Informed Care for Veterans on Hospice Initiative will offer state-based hospice and palliative care organizations tools to help local VA facilities and community-based hospice providers collaborate and improve upon the person-centered, interdisciplinary care Veterans and their families receive at the end of life," said NHPCO President and CEO Edo Banach.

Regional Meetings end of year and 2020

Medline

We're happy to report that up until COVID, IL-HPCO Regional Meetings were going strong. In late November IL-HPCO was hosted by Medline at their corpoate headquarters in Northfield. Andy Mills, Owner and CEO welcomed us, followed by a talk "Do the Right Thing" by IL-HPCO Chair, Mary Sheehan. It was the first time a Wine and Cheese meeting was held and the turn out was exceptional.

Thank you Medline!

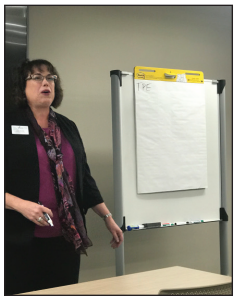
Andy Mill-owner of Medline speaking

Sara Dado and Kristin James

Doug Irvin, IL HPCO board member and Kimberly Hobson-CEO JourneyCare

Northern Illinois Hospice Regional Meeting

Our first Regional Meeting of 2020 was held at Northern Illinois Hospice in Rockford. We were welcomed by CEO Lisa Novak, learned in a Regulatory Update from KateProctor and listened to a presentation by Greg Gavrilos from Pharm D-Green Care Medical on Cannibis.



Lisa Novak, CEO-Northern IL Hospice

George Gavrilos, PharmD-Green Care Medical

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