

Draft Agenda as of September 19

**Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Advisory Council
and the
Maine Hospice Council
Present:**

Inaugural Statewide Palliative Care Conference

Hutchinson Center, Belfast, Maine

Agenda

October 6

5:00-6:00PM

Welcome

Recognition of Indigenous People

Elizabeth Keene, MA, FT, ACC, VP Mission Integration , St. Mary's Health System

Listening with Spirit and Trust

Rev. Madonna J. Arsenault, M.Div., CSD, Hospice Chaplain and Clinical Therapeutic Musician, Spiritual Director; Reiki Master

Native Flute— *Kelly Neptune, Former Northern Light Homecare & Hospice Volunteer*

Dinner

6:00-7:30PM

Listening Session: Bringing Comfort Closer

Senator Angus King and Panel (tentative)

Or

Staff of Senator Angus King: Video Remarks from Senator King

7:30-8:00PM

Q&A

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- 7:15-8:00AM** **Registration/Continental Breakfast**
- 8:00-8:10AM** **Welcome/ Thank You to Our Sponsors**
Kandyce Powell, RN, MSN; Executive Director, Maine Hospice Council, Convening Authority for Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Advisory Council
Native Flute—Kelly Neptune, Former Northern Light Homecare & Hospice Volunteer
- 8:20-8:40AM** **Opening Remarks**
Lauren Michalakes, MD, MPH; Chair, PC&QOL Interdisciplinary Advisory Council; Program Consultant, OADS, DHHS
- 8:40-9:50AM** **Keynote - “Spirituality: Identifying and Addressing the Powerful Domain of Palliative Care”**
Betty Ferrell, RN, PhD, MA, FAAN, FPCN, CHPN; Director Nursing Research & Education and Professor, City of Hope Medical Center in Duarte, California
- 9:50-10:00AM** **Break**
- 10:00-11:00AM** **Keynote - “Balancing Responsibility and Scrutiny for Opioid Prescribing”**
Jim VanKirk, MD, FACP, Medical Director, Palliative Care, Winchester Hospital, Winchester, Virginia
Elisabeth Mock, MD, MPH, FAAFP, Clinical and Policy Consultant, Maine Prescription Monitoring Program, Office of Behavioral Health, State of Maine
- 11:10-12:15PM** **Morning Breakouts**
A. Quality Palliative Care Guidelines in Action: A Model for Restoring Healthcare Post COVID-19
Co-Facilitators: Kathy Amsden, Clinical Manager of Social Work, Spiritual Care and Palliative Services, Androscoggin Home Healthcare + Hospice;
Kirsten Skorpen, LMSW, Mid Coast Palliative Care

Morning Breakouts (Continued)

B. 'I Can See You Now!': Expanding Access to Palliative Care for Rural Populations

Vanessa Little, DO, FAAHPM, Medical Director, Palliative Care Service Line, Northern Light Health

Rebecca Hutchinson, MD, MPH, Associate Medical Director of Palliative Medicine, Maine Medical Partners Division Director of Palliative Medicine

Pamela Brown, RN, CHPN, Hospice & Palliative Care Coordinator, VA Maine

Jackie Fournier, NP, ACHPN, Maine Center for Palliative Medicine

C. What is Palliative Care?: Finding the Right Messages

Lauren Michalakes, MD, MPH; Chair, PC&QOL Interdisciplinary Advisory Council; Program Consultant, OADS, DHHS

Jane Conrad, JD, Patient & Family Caregiver Advocate

D. Palliative Care 101: Pain/Dyspnea/Nausea/Delirium

Maine Interdisciplinary Palliative Care Fellows:

Elena Bennett, MD, Maine Medical Center; Marie McIntee, MD, Maine Medical Center; Elise Reid, MD, Maine Medical Center; Katie Frend, FNP; Androscoggin;

Kristin Patterson, DO, EMMC; Monica Burke, MD, EMMC

E. Health Equity: Panel Discussion

LGBTQ Community, Nem Knight, Program Coordinator, EqualityMaine

Faith Community, Rev. Dr. J. Bernard Richardson, D.S.T. Director, ACPE Certified Educator, Spiritual Care, Northern Light Health

F. Palliative Care and the Pediatric Population

Facilitator: Greg Burns, RN, Northern Light Homecare & Hospice

Panel Members:

Allison Caldwell, MD, Pediatric Physician, MMC

Shelley Jacobs, LCSW, MSW, MMC PAC Team

Rachael Burgess, MSN, CPNP-AC, CPON, Maine Medical Center

12:15-1:00PM Lunch—Facilitated Roundtable Discussion (Follow Up to Morning Key-note “Balancing Responsibility and Scrutiny in Opioid Prescribing”

Jim VanKirk, MD, FACP; Elisabeth Mock, MD, MPH, FAAFP and Lauren Michalakes, MD, MPH

1:00-2:00PM Afternoon Breakouts

A. Palliative Pain Management in the Opioid Epidemic Era

Jim VanKirk, MD, Medical Director, Palliative Care, Winchester Hospital, Winchester, Virginia

B. Palliative Care: Economics & Policy

Facilitator - Elizabeth Keene, MA, FT, ACC, VP Mission Integration, St. Mary's Health System

Panel Members:

Olivia Alford, Director, Delivery System Reform, Office of Maine Care Services

Vance Brown, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Androscoggin Home Healthcare + Hospice

Steve D'Amato, BScPharm, Scientia Pharmacy Advisors

- C. Fostering Partnerships in Oncology and Palliative Care**
Betty Ferrell, PhD, MA, FAAN, FPCN, Director Nursing Research & Education and Professor , City of Hope Medical Center in Duarte, California
- D. Ethical Approaches to Refractory Suffering**
Jessica Miller, Ph.D., HEC-C, Professor of Philosophy , University of Maine
Frank Chessa, Ph.D., HEC-C Director Clinical Ethics, Maine Medical Center, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Tufts University School of Medicine
Susan Belanger, PhD, MA-HCML, MA-BEHP, RN, HEC-C, NEA-BC
Mission Integration & System Ethicist, Covenant Health
- E. Updates in Pharmacology in Palliative Care: Cannabis and Psychedelics**
Tiffany Wagner, PharmD, Oncology Pharmacist, Pen Bay Medical Center
Katharine Addicott, APRN-FNP, MaineHealth

2:00-2:50PM Keynote - “Trending Palliative Care in Maine 2016-2021: What You Need to Know”
Cordt Kassner, PhD, CEO, Hospice Analytics

2:50-3:00PM Break

3:00-3:45PM Implementing Palliative Care Principles: Raising the Bar Statewide
Robin Hirsh-Wright, MSW, LCSW
Jackie Fournier, NP, ACHPN, Maine Center for Palliative Medicine

3:45-4:20PM Report Out/Action Items

4:20-4:30PM Closing



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