

Committee Descriptions: Idaho End-of-Life Coalition

Committees meet on a set schedule, in-person when possible but also by phone
The call-in number for all committee meetings is 712-432-1100, then enter 300176#

The **Professional Education Committee** coordinates planning for the development of educational events and the distribution of educational materials for professionals and volunteers who work in the end-of-life field, including but not limited to hospice, healthcare, eldercare, and faith community staff. This committee coordinates the annual “Dying Well in Idaho” Conference and Banquet, regional educational events, video and telephone workshops, and professionals-targeted resource materials, newsletters, articles, and web content.

Chair: Teresa Dixon, RN, CHPN, director, Hospice Alliance, Pocatello

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Current meeting schedule: 2nd Tuesday of each month from 1-3 p.m. MT

The **Community Engagement Committee** helps the public to be prepared to live well at the end-of-life, through outreach efforts promoting hospice, advance care planning, pain management, estate planning, funeral planning, and more. The committee coordinates IdELC’s “The Right Choice at The Right Time Community Engagement Campaign,” including sponsoring public presentations and events, promoting and distributing The Right Choice at The Right Time resource book and Idaho’s DNR jewelry, and developing new tools, for instance an end-of-life/hospice dvd or a no-one-dies-alone campaign. The committee seeks to reach all Idahoans with programs targeted to specific groups like seniors, veterans, those with specific medical conditions (cancer, heart, dementia, etc.), faith communities, workplaces, schools, and civic organizations.

Chair: Heidi Walker, Visions Hospice, Twin Falls

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Current meeting schedule: 3rd Wednesday of each month from 1-2:30 p.m. MT

The **Quality and Research Committee** develops, tracks, reports, and facilitates discussion about measures of the quality of the end-of-life and the quality of care at the end of life in Idaho and palliative care in long term care.

Chair: Sarah Bradbury, MBA, XL Hospice, Payette

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Current meeting schedule: 1st Tuesday of even-number months, 3-4 p.m. MT

The **Public Policy (Advance Care Planning) Committee** convenes interested parties around end-of-life public policy issues as a facilitator to provide a forum for discussion and the development of legislative, regulatory and other proposals to improve the end-of-life in Idaho. The committee tracks and recommends direction to the Coalition Board regarding end-of-life legislative and regulatory proposals and other public policy issues.

Chair: Jill Anderson, CNS, Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, Boise

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Current meeting schedule: 3rd Tuesday of each month from 4:00-5:30 p.m. MT at Saint Alphonsus

The **Hospice and Palliative Care Policy Committee** discusses, monitors, researches and recommends action on policy issues affecting hospice and palliative care in Idaho. Current areas of attention include the recent Medicare hospice rate cut, updating Idaho licensure laws to recognize hospice residential facilities, and Medicaid hospice reporting. It proposes items to the Coalition Board for the annual legislative agenda.

Chair: Mary Lou Long, RN, MSN, St. Luke’s Hospice, Boise

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Current meeting schedule: 3rd Thursday of each month from 9:30-11:30 a.m. MT