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# IDAHO END-OF-LIFE NEWS

Fall, 2009

## *Idaho End-of-Life Coalition*

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### **COALITION FALL WORKSHOPS PLANNED FOR MERIDIAN, COEUR D'ALENE, TWIN FALLS, AND POCATELLO**

Four one-hour sessions will highlight the Fall Regional Workshops of the Idaho End-of-Life Coalition, co-sponsored by the Idaho Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers and supported by the University of North Texas Health Science Center, Interstate Postgraduate Medical Association and the University of Nebraska Medical Center through an educational grant from Wyeth.

The schedule includes:

- 12:00 to 1:00 “Coalition Updates” lunch meeting
- 1:15 to 2:15 “Using The Right Choice at the Right Time in Advance Care Planning Outreach”
- 2:30 to 3:30 “Connecting End-of-Life Veterans with VA Resources”
- 3:45 to 4:45 “Opioid-Induced Constipation in Palliative Care” (CME’s available)
- 4:45 to 5:00 Wrap up and evaluations

The workshops will take place on:

**Thursday, October 22, in Meridian**, at the new IHCA-ICAL offices, 1524 W Cayuse Cr Dr

**Thursday, October 29, in Pocatello**, at Bricks at Sticks, 928 N Main

Dates and locations pending for Twin Falls and Coeur d’Alene.

The registration form will be posted for download at [www.hospiceidaho.org](http://www.hospiceidaho.org) by noon this Friday, Sept 25.

## **IDAHO END-OF-LIFE CHAMPIONS HONORED**

One hundred and thirty people joined this year’s Idaho End-of-Life Coalition Awards Banquet on July 20 to honor Idaho’s champions for a better end-of-life.

**Sister Patricia Mulvaney, CSC, RN, BSN, MSN**, mission advisor and past-president of Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center received the Coalition’s Lifetime Impact Award for her work in establishing the Saint Al palliative care program, her organizational and public policy leadership with A Better Way Coalition and the Idaho End-of-Life Coalition, and her efforts for a better end-of-life within her order, the Holy Cross Sisters.

**Cheryl Simpson Whitaker, MSW**, founder of A Better Way Coalition and Board chair of the Idaho End-of-Life Coalition, received the Coalition’s Person of the Year Award for coordinating the funding, writing, design, and publication of *The Right Choice at the Right Time*, Idaho’s advance care planning manual; its placement online in text and audio versions at [www.abetterwaycoalition.org](http://www.abetterwaycoalition.org); and the addition of a Spanish language advance directive in the 2009 edition; as well as for her leadership as A Better Way Coalition and the Idaho State Hospice and Palliative Care Organization unified to become the Idaho End-of-Life Coalition.

The Coalition recognized as 2009 Idaho Hospice Dream Team members:

- Medical Director **Robert Ancker, MD**, Hospice of North Idaho, Hayden
- Nurse **Linda Graham, RN**, Four Rivers Hospice, Boise
- Aide **Consuelo Vargas**, Heart ‘n Home Hospice and Palliative Care, Fruitland
- Social Worker **Mildred Tikker**, Legacy Home Health and Hospice, Meridian
- Chaplain **Jim Schmidt**, Horizon Home Health and Hospice, Meridian
- Volunteer Coordinator **Elke Stava**, St. Luke’s Home Care and Hospice, Boise
- Volunteer **Myra Grupe**, Mercy Hospice, Nampa
- Bereavement Counselor **Karen Martinat**, Hospice Visions, Twin Falls
- Support Staff **Jim Butkis**, Hearts for Hospice, Meridian

New this year, the Coalition honored two End-of-Life Partners of the Year: Cloverdale Funeral Home, for their “gracious and compassionate support for the families of our hospice patients,”

wrote nominator Hearts for Hospice; and Pattie House Assisted Living, “the type of caring facility I would want my mom in,” wrote nominator Legacy Hospice.

The Coalition provided state recognition for the Volunteers of the Year of several Idaho hospices: **Carol Gramann**, Hearts for Hospice; **Donna Spencer**, A Promise of Hope Hospice; **Harold Anders**, Heart ‘n Home Hospice and Palliative Care; **Joanne Harrison** (and Brenna, pet therapy dog), XL Hospice; **Kay Ireland**, Four Rivers Hospice; **Myra Grupe**, Mercy Hospice; **Phyllis Hug**, Horizon Hospice; and **Russell Burdine**, Legacy Hospice.

ISHPCO also presented Idaho End-of-Life Champion awards to conference speakers NHPCO CEO **Don Schumacher, PsyD**; Author, Researcher, and Palliative Physician **Ira Byock, MD**; and Spiritual and Grief Author and Speaker **Rev. Ken Doka, PhD**, for their national leadership. We thank Gulf South Medical Supply and Origins Pharmacy for their support of the Banquet.

*Profit-Sharing Available for Coalition Members During National Hospice Month*

### **PROMOTE ADVANCE DIRECTIVES: PROFIT-SHARE RCRT BOOK**

*“We actually have some choices to make about how we want to deal with our own end-of-life care. Something that each of us individually can do is to draft and sign a living will so that we're very clear with our doctors about how we want to approach the end of life.”*

-- President Barack Obama, June 24, ABC news interview

Finally all the Idaho-specific advance care planning materials are in one easy-to-use book, The Right Choice at The Right Time, published by the Idaho End-of-Life Coalition and recently highlighted in the monthly Newline of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization.

Now the Coalition is offering a partnership opportunity for its members to make the RCRT book available to the public at events across Idaho during National Hospice and Palliative Care Month in November. Coalition members can purchase RCRT copies for \$15 and resell them to the public for the cover price of \$24 each at health fairs, public presentations, and other Hospice Month events. RCRT book displays will add value to hospice month events, provide another source of revenue for members, and, most importantly, improve awareness of advance care planning and hospice across Idaho.

Download the RCRT order form now, at <http://www.hospiceidaho.org/OrderFormRCRT.pdf>. Order 20 or more books and we will also send you posters to use with your exhibits.

The RCRT book includes advice on how to talk with loved ones about wishes for care before a crisis. It provides Idaho-specific information and forms for advance directives (including POST), as well as Idaho’s POST-DNR Medical ID and Idaho’s on-line advance directives registry. It reviews the perceptions of Idahoans about end-of-life issues. And it provides contact information for Idaho’s hospices. New to the 2009 edition is a Spanish translation the advance directive form recommended by the Office of the Idaho Attorney General.

“RCRT is a terrific Idaho-specific resource to help both consumers and professionals,” says AARP Idaho State Director Jim Wordelman.

## **IDAHO HOSPICE-VETERAN PARTNERSHIP, TV HOSPICES TO MEET**

The next meeting of the Idaho Hospice-Veteran Partnership will be on September 23 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Heart 'n Home Hospice, 3557 E Overland Rd (Silverstone Business Plaza) in Meridian (exit S from I-84 on Eagle Road, then left on Overland). The HVP is planning sessions on Connecting Veteran Patients with VA Resources for the regional workshops of the Idaho End-of-Life Coalition. They are also planning training for VA staff on hospice services.

Immediately following the HVP meeting, at 3:00 p.m, the Treasure Valley Hospice Coalition will meet to hear VA Medical Center Palliative Care Nurse Sharon Stephen, MSN, present on "Beginning a Veteran Program." Sharon has started a program within her organization and she will explain how to begin one in a hospice or long term care facility. The TV Hospices will also hear updates of the state coalition activities and discuss a proposal to change their name to the Treasure Valley End-of-Life Coalition. Please RSVP to Ashely Holaday at [ashleyh@heartnhomehospice.com](mailto:ashleyh@heartnhomehospice.com) to join these meetings.

## **YOUR INPUT SOUGHT ON HOSPITAL DISCHARGE PLANNING**

The Idaho End-of-Life Coalition has been asked to get hospital discharge planning input from Idaho's hospices and other Coalition members. IdELC is participating with the "After the Hospital: Idaho's Hospital Discharge Planning Project," coordinated by Idaho State University Professor Russ Spearman. The project seeks to develop a sustainable, person-centered hospital discharge planning model for rural and underserved areas.

If you have opinions in this area, please take a minute right now (or by September 30) to forward your response to the following questions to [IdELC@clearwire.net](mailto:IdELC@clearwire.net):

- 1) What do you wish hospital discharge planners knew better about Idaho end-of-life care and resources and how to access them?
- 2) What could improve the discharge planning process for patients near the end of life?

## **COALITION BOARD WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS, TAKES ACTIONS**

The Board of Directors of the Idaho End-of-Life Coalition held their annual meeting on July 19, 2009, at the Hampton Inn in Boise, in conjunction with the 2009 Dying Well in Idaho Conference. They welcomed newly elected Southeast Regional Representative Sandy Herrera, RN, director of Creekside Hospice in Idaho Falls, and Secretary Sara Bradbury, volunteer coordinator with XL Hospice in Payette.

The Board also expressed heartfelt appreciation for the services of retiring Board members Past-Chair and At-Large Member Carol Taylor with Tapestry Consulting; Past-Chair Teresa Dixon, RN, director of Hospice Alliance in Pocatello; Secretary Peggy Williams, director of Four Rivers Hospice in Boise; Southeast Regional Representative Ray Pucinelli, Jr., director of Hospice of Eastern Idaho in Idaho Falls; and Psych/Social/Spiritual Representative Rev Bruce Stevens, MDiv, with the Area IV Office on Aging at the College of Southern Idaho.

Board actions at the meeting included:

- Adopted the Palliative Care Best Practices in Long-Term Care white paper prepared by the Quality Committee (posted under “Links and Resources” at [www.hospiceidaho.org](http://www.hospiceidaho.org))
- Adopted a set of personnel policies for the Coalition based on recommendations from the provider of the Coalition’s Directors & Officers Liability Insurance.
- Moved the activities of the Quality Committee under the Hospice and Palliative Care Policy Committee
- Adopted the following set of values, after thoughtful deliberation at the April Board Retreat in Sun Valley of the positives and negatives of experiences on other Boards, and drawing from the work of Patrick Lencioni’s book “the Five Dysfunctions of a Team” (absence of trust, fear of conflict, lack of commitment, avoidance of accountability and inattention to results).
  - **Culture of trust and respect**
  - **Open and honest communication**
  - **Clarity in goals, purpose & priorities**
  - **Personal commitment and accountability to decisions & plans of action**
  - **Inclusiveness & accomplishment**

These values are now official and are printed along with the Vision and the Mission at the top of the Board meeting agendas and serve as a reminder of the Board’s desire to function effectively as a team and to guide committees and work groups.

A member meeting followed the Board meeting, after which those gathered heard Saint Alphonsus Palliative Care Physician Kevin Clifford, MD, share his reflections on the current state of end-of-life care in Idaho.

## **“SECURE YOUR FUTURE” EVENT SET FOR TWIN FALLS**

AARP, the University of Idaho Extension, and the Idaho End-of-Life Coalition are co-sponsoring a Secure Your Future program for the public in Twin Falls. The event will address family estate planning and advance care planning issues. The event is free and all are invited to come.

2009 Idaho Hospice Dream Team Member Karen Martinat, social worker with Visions Hospice, will be a presenter for the program, to be held on Saturday, October 24, at the Shilo Inn from 9:00 to 2:00. Download the flyer for more information or to distribute, at [www.hospiceidaho.org](http://www.hospiceidaho.org) under “What’s New.”

Coalition Board Member Pete Sisson, CELA, with Sisson & Sisson, The Elder Law Firm, presented at a similar Secure Your Future event on behalf of the Coalition at the Ada County Courthouse in Boise on Monday, September 21.

*Your Support Will Make a Big Difference*

## **2009 COALITION FALL FUND CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY**

Recognizing the need to establish a broader financial base to carry out the organization’s mission, the Idaho End-of-Life Coalition has launched its 2009 Fall Fund Campaign. More than \$4,000 has already been pledged by the Coalition’s Executive Committee, staff, and other supporters in the preliminary phase of the Campaign, with an appeal to Board members made

this week. In October, letters will be sent to contacts identified by Coalition Board members, and an invitation to Coalition members and supporters to join the campaign will also be made. Please consider the value of the work of this Coalition for our neighbors in Idaho, and plan to make a generous contribution when asked.

As an IRS-recognized 501(c)3 non-profit, the Idaho End-of-Life Coalition can also be written-in for support through workplace United Way campaigns. This year the Coalition is receiving more than one thousand dollars through the generosity of those who pledged in 2008 to contribute through 2009 payroll deductions. If your workplace participates with the United Way, please consider writing in the "Idaho End-of-Life Coalition" for your support.

## **IdELC SELECTED FOR NATIONAL WORKPLACE INITIATIVE**

The **Idaho End of Life Coalition** has been selected as a partner with the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization's Caring Connections workplace outreach initiative, *It's About How You LIVE – At Work*. The *LIVE – At Work* initiative is striving to increase awareness about the needs of working caregivers who struggle with work-life balance while taking care of their ill, elderly, or frail family members; and provide support for employers with working caregivers.

According a 2006 study from the National Alliance for Caregiving and MetLife, U.S. businesses lose from \$17.1 billion to \$33.6 billion per year in productivity for full-time employees with caregiving responsibilities.

"We are honored to be chosen as one of only two statewide *LIVE – At Work* partners across the country and will be actively reaching out to employers in Idaho over the next year," said Jonathan Krutz, CEO of the Coalition.

Through this opportunity, the Idaho End-of-Life Coalition will be able to provide support and resources for companies with employees who are caregiving for a loved one that is seriously ill, dealing with grief and loss issues, and/or need more information about planning for future healthcare decisions and other end-of-life issues. The initiative is funded by the Jacob & Valeria Langeloth Foundation.

To learn more about the resources available for employers, contact Heidi Walker, chair of the IdELC Community Engagement Committee, at 208-735-0121 or [hwalker@thevisionsgroup.org](mailto:hwalker@thevisionsgroup.org). Information about the *It's About How You LIVE – At Work* can also be found at [www.caringinfo.org/liveatwork](http://www.caringinfo.org/liveatwork) or by calling the Caring Connections' HelpLine at 800/658-8898.

### **Regulatory Roundup**

## **PHARMACY BOARD MEETS HOSPICE DRUG ORDER CONCERNS**

On July 28, Idaho End-of-Life Coalition Hospice Policy Committee Member Cindy Lee, director of Heart 'n Home Hospice, and CEO Jonathan Krutz met with representatives of the Idaho Board of Pharmacy, Board of Medicine, and Board of Nursing to discuss clarifications to the March

Board of Pharmacy newsletter statement that hospice nurses are “generally not” considered physician agents for the purpose of verbal orders for legend drugs.

As a result, the Board of Pharmacy has published in their September newsletter (now online at <http://bop.accessidaho.org/>), the following statement which recognizes that hospice nurses can, in fact, appropriately and legally call in legend drug orders as physician agents: *Statute 54-1733(1)(a)(ii), entitled Validity of Prescription Drug Orders, states “A prescription drug order may also be received by a licensed pharmacist verbally from the practitioner, the practitioner’s agent or from a licensed practical nurse or licensed professional nurse in a health care facility for a patient or resident in such facility.” Because the hospice patient often resides at home rather than in a facility, this later provision of this statute does not currently grant hospice nurses the authority to transmit verbal drug orders. Should the practitioner consider the individual nurse his agent, as many practitioners working with hospice agencies do, this oral transmission would constitute a valid prescription drug order. If a pharmacist should question the relationship between any practitioner and their prospective agent, the pharmacist should verify the relationship with the practitioner directly.*

#### The Hospice and Palliative Care Policy Committee Stays Busy

### **PASS-THROUGH OXYGEN, RESPITE IN ALFs, NH BATHS, AND MORE**

Several issues of note have recently been discussed in the Hospice and Palliative Care Committee:

- The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare has clarified that oxygen is not generally considered to be an item included in the pass-through payment. Thus, it is appropriate for it to be billed separately and paid separately by a hospice.
- Concerns have been expressed about one or more hospices apparently contracting with assisted living facilities to provide respite care. This raises several issues. Respite in an ALF could not be billed to Medicare because ALFs do not meet the Medicare Conditions of Participation staffing requirements for respite reimbursement (only on rare occasions, if no qualified facility exists in an area, may a waiver be obtainable to allow Medicare-reimbursable respite in an ALF). The extra expense of respite in an ALF could be paid directly by the hospice (while the hospice only bills Medicare at the Routine rate), but the hospice would then be open to potential prosecution for providing unpaid services as an inducement to patient referrals. If a patient/family desires respite level of care in an ALF, they could choose to pay privately for that care; but if that is done to relieve the hospice of their obligation to provide needed respite care elsewhere for that patient, the hospice again risks practicing outside of the Medicare Conditions of Participation.
- Recent regulatory misunderstandings have led some Idaho nursing homes to prohibit hospices from bathing their patients. The Committee is working with Joanne Rokosky at CMS to get this addressed. The general principles are that hospice personal care should augment nursing home care, not substitute for it, and hospices should provide the same level of care in a nursing facility as they would provide a patient in their own home.
- The Department of Health and Welfare currently lacks the capacity to move forward with discussions on appropriate regulations for hospice in-patient facilities and hospice residential facilities, increasingly popular alternatives in other states.
- In May, after consultation with Idaho’s hospices through the Idaho End-of-Life Coalition Hospice Policy Committee, Medicaid updated their hospice notification form and

requirements. Your input is sought on the effects of these changes. Please direct any comments or concerns over the implementation of these changes to [IdELC@clearwire.net](mailto:IdELC@clearwire.net).

## **DISCUSSIONS CONTINUE ON ADVANCE CARE PLANNING FOR IDAHOANS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

The Public Policy Committee continues to work with all stakeholders on language that would address concerns with current laws affecting advance care planning for those with developmental disabilities. To join these discussions, see meeting schedule information at the bottom of this newsletter.

### **Resources for hospices**

*How Well Do You Know Your Hospice Service Area?*

## **DETAILED IDAHO HOSPICE MARKET REPORT NOW AVAILABLE THROUGH THE COALITION**

As part of the State Hospice Organization Executive Roundtable (SHOER), the Idaho End-of-Life Coalition can now provide member-hospices with detailed, county-level and hospice data for any select service area based on the latest Medicare 100% Hospice Analytic File (claims data). With the Idaho End-of-Life Coalition Market Report, you can now compare your program to others in your service area in such invaluable detail areas as patients served, length of stay, diagnosis, patient demographics, revenue per patient, and much more.

This critical data will provide insight into who is served by hospice in your geographic area and help your organization identify underserved patient populations. The detailed reports, with data tables, charts, and powerpoint presentations, are also perfect for developing QAPI programs and marketing and strategic plans.

Download the Idaho End-of-Life Coalition Market Report order form and learn more under “What’s New” at [www.hospiceidaho.org](http://www.hospiceidaho.org).

*“What Keeps You Awake at Night Related to Quality?”*

## **IDAHO HOSPICE QUALITY CALLS SET FOR OCT, NOV, AND JAN**

“What keeps you awake at night related to quality,” will be the discussion topic of the October Quality Call of the Idaho End-of-Life Coalition. Hospice employees responsible for QAPI activities and others interested are invited to join the call from noon to 1:00 p.m. MT on Wednesday, Oct 21. Call 712-432-1100, then enter 300176#.

Future Quality Calls have been scheduled for the same time on Nov 18 and Jan 20 (the third Wednesday of the month). They will focus on topics identified during the October call. The calls will be facilitated by Amanda Korn, executive director of Heart ‘n Home Hospice, and Sharon Barrett Hill, performance improvement and education manager with St Luke's Home Care and

Hospice. If you have additional questions, please contact either Amanda at 365-2099 or Sharon at 381-4696.

Save the Date

## **HOSPICE/PC NURSE CERTIFICATION REVIEW, OCT 28, MERIDIAN**

IdELC Education Committee Chair Teresa Dixon, RN, CHPN, director of Hospice Alliance, will lead a one-day certification review workshop for hospice and palliative nurses from 9-5 on Wednesday, Oct 28. Teresa has been a Hospice and Palliative Nurse Association-Approved Educator since 2006. The workshop will be at George Fox University, 1810 South Eagle Road in Meridian (just south of the I-84 Eagle Road exit). Look for a registration brochure online at [www.hospiceidaho.org](http://www.hospiceidaho.org) by the end of the month.

Exam applications for the next certification test are now being accepted for November; find details at [www.nbchpn.org](http://www.nbchpn.org), the website of the National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses.

## **NGS HOSPICE CR 6440 REVIEW TELECONFERENCE, SEP 22 AND 29**

The National Government Services Provider Outreach and Education department will conduct two Hospice Change Request (CR) 6440 Review Teleconferences for hospice providers. The sessions will educate attendees on the new instructions within CR 6440 including the discipline reporting, HCPCS reporting, unit reporting, and visit date reporting requirements. The first session will take place on September 22, 2009 with a repeat session being offered on September 29, 2009, both at 11:00 a.m. MT

Registration for this free event can be found by visiting our Web site at [www.NGSMedicare.com](http://www.NGSMedicare.com). Select Part A as your business type, select your region (state), then select "Go." From the Part A portal page, select the Events Calendar subnavigation under the Education and Support category (on the dark blue navigation bar).

September 26 Deadline

## **HOSPICE PHYSICIAN AWARD NOMINATIONS SOUGHT**

The Hastings Center and Cuniff-Dixon Foundation are looking for a few good doctors. More specifically, they have a new award for hospice physicians and want to recognize those who focus on relationships and caring. Go to <http://www.responsetrack.net/lnk/transcendhospicemarketing/1993664/?15C38009BCE> to find out how to nominate one of your physicians. It's not only great recognition for the physician but for your hospice, too. Plus, there are considerable monetary awards for winners. But you'll have to hurry; the deadline is September 26, 2009.

## **FUNDS AVAILABLE TO START *PET PEACE OF MIND* PROGRAMS**

The Banfield Charitable Trust has launched *Pet Peace of Mind (PPOM)*, a national initiative developed for nonprofit hospice programs all over the nation. The Trust is working to develop a

national network of nonprofit hospice organizations to assist with pet related needs during the patient's time on hospice and to ensure a positive outcome for the pet's future after the patient is gone. During a large fundraising event in August, several donors made contributions to fund programs in specific states, including Idaho.

Hospices interested in the program will be guided through the process of starting a program which includes materials to educate boards, a comprehensive program manual, online training, marketing materials and program funding. If you have an interest in starting a pet care assistance program, please contact Dianne McGill at (503) 922-5426 or email [dianne.mcgill@banfieldcharitabletrust.org](mailto:dianne.mcgill@banfieldcharitabletrust.org).

**Coalition Member News:** contact [IdELC@clearwire.net](mailto:IdELC@clearwire.net) with your news!

- Welcome to the Coalition's newest members: the Idaho Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, River City Hospice in Post Falls, A Promise of Hope Hospice in Boise, and Suecarol Robinson of Boise.
- Best wishes to long-time Bonner General Hospice Director Debra Kellerman, former Board member of the Idaho Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, who writes, "After nearly 35 years of uninterrupted service in the industry, I have decided to take a "sabbatical" of sorts...step out for a while and rest, refresh, refocus, relax." She adds, "My gratitude to all my colleagues for upholding the values and philosophy of hospice care to those facing end of life. It has surely been a pleasure to serve along side you all." Welcome to Interim Manager of Hospice Tami Feyen, RN, manager of Bonner General Home Health.
- Welcome to Kevin Worley, who has joined Care First Hospice as director.
- Welcome to Jim Brown, who has joined Horizon Hospice in Meridian as the new clinical hospice director.
- Congratulations to Idaho Home Health & Hospice and to Heart 'n Home Hospice; each has recently opened new offices in Meridian.

**IDAHO END-OF-LIFE EVENTS CALENDAR** *all times MT*

*Committee meeting times, activities, and topics are summarized at the end of this newsletter*

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| September   | <b>National Pain Awareness Month</b> , <a href="http://www.conqueringpaintogether.org">www.conqueringpaintogether.org</a>   |
| Wed, Sep 23 | <b>Hospice Veteran Partnership mtg (2-3), Treasure Valley Coalition mtg (3-5)</b><br>Heart 'n Home Hospice, 3557 E Overland Rd (Silverstone Business Plaza)<br>VA's Sharon Stephen, MSN, presenting "Beginning a Veteran Program" at 3:00<br>Contact Ashley Holaday, <a href="mailto:ashleyh@heartnhomehospice.com">ashleyh@heartnhomehospice.com</a> |
| Sat, Oct 10 | <b>World Hospice and Palliative Care Day</b> , <a href="http://www.worldday.org">www.worldday.org</a>   |
| Tue, Oct 13 | <b>IdELC Board of Directors meeting</b> , 11-2<br>IHCA-ICAL Offices, 1524 W Cayuse Cr Dr, Meridian  |
| Oct 22-29   | <b>Coalition Regional Workshops and meetings</b> , 12-5 p.m., (see article, above)<br>Meridian, Oct 22; Couer d'Alene, TBA; Twin Falls, TBA; Pocatello, Oct 29<br>Registration form under "What's New" at <a href="http://www.hospiceidaho.org">www.hospiceidaho.org</a> (after Sep 25)   |
| Oct 21-23   | <b>Annual Oregon Hospice Conference</b> , Redmond, <a href="http://www.oregonhospice.org">www.oregonhospice.org</a>   |
| Wed, Oct 28 | <b>CHPN Certification Review Course</b> , 9-5, George Fox University, Meridian<br>Led by HPNA-Approved Trainer Teresa Dixon, CHPN<br>Details at <a href="http://www.hospiceidaho.org">www.hospiceidaho.org</a> by the end of the month  |
| Sat, Oct 24 | <b>Secure Your Future</b> , free; open to the public, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  |

Estate and advance care planning seminar at the Twin Falls Shiloh Inn  
Details and registration under "What's New" at [www.hospiceidaho.org](http://www.hospiceidaho.org)  
November **National Hospice and Palliative Care Month**  
Apr 16, 2010 **National Healthcare Decisions Day**, [www.nationalhealthcaredecisionsday.org](http://www.nationalhealthcaredecisionsday.org)  
July 18-20 **2010 Dying Well in Idaho Conference**, Boise Centre, *Part of the collaborative Annual Convention of Idaho's nursing home, assisted living, hospice and home health organizations*  
Keynote speakers (tentative): **David Casarett, MD; Deborah Grassman, MSN**  
One-Day Workshop Intensives, including "Hospice 101," Sunday, July 18  
Contact: Jonathan Krutz at [IdELC@clearwire.net](mailto:IdELC@clearwire.net)  
Find other Idaho healthcare educational events at [www.idahoahcec.org/calendar](http://www.idahoahcec.org/calendar)

## **IDAHO END-OF-LIFE COALITION COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES**

*The work of the Idaho End-of-Life Coalition takes place primarily through our committees. Select your committee of interest on the IdELC Membership Form at [www.hospiceidaho.org](http://www.hospiceidaho.org) under "Getting Involved." To join Coalition committee meetings by phone, call 712-432-1100 and enter 300176#.*

### **Professional Education – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues: (except Oct 6, not 13), Nov 10, Dec 8, 1-3 MT, by phone**

**Agenda:** Dying Well in Idaho Conference (breakout speakers, intensives, pre-con networking session, banquet, reception, bookstore, awards), professional use of end-of-life DVD, fall certification review course, fall regional workshops

**Recent Actions:** Planned and coordinated 2009 Dying Well in Idaho Conference

Chair: **Teresa Dixon**, CHPN, Hospice Alliance, Pocatello [trsdixon@yahoo.com](mailto:trsdixon@yahoo.com)

### **Community Engagement – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed, Oct 21, Nov 18, Dec 16 11:30-12:30 MT, by phone**

**Agenda:** Plan promotions for The Right Choice at the Right Time advance care planning book, plan Hospice Month events, plan National Healthcare Decisions Day events, coordinate Idaho Hospice-Veteran Partnership and Idaho No One Dies Alone initiatives, implement NHPCO Workplace Outreach Initiative

**Recent Actions:** Reprint and promote The Right Choice at the Right Time book, identify draft hospice DVD

Chair: **Heidi Walker**, Hospice Visions, Twin Falls [heidi@thevisionsgroup.org](mailto:heidi@thevisionsgroup.org)

### **Public Policy (former Advance Care Planning) – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues, Oct 20, Nov 17, Dec 15, 4-5:30 MT, Coughlin Room 1 at Saint Alphonsus in Boise, or by phone**

**Agenda:** Continued discussion of proposal to address end-of-life decision-making for Idahoans with developmental disabilities, with disabilities advocates, right-to-life representatives, health attorneys, and healthcare professionals. Continue discussion of POST (Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment) implementation issues. Discuss coordinated statewide approach to end-of-life dementia issues.

**Recent Actions:** Set POST implementation and updating plan; revisit issues for the developmentally disabled.

Chair: **Jill Anderson**, CNS, Saint Alphonsus, Boise [jillande@sarmc.org](mailto:jillande@sarmc.org)

**Hospice & Palliative Care Policy** – 3<sup>rd</sup> *Thur: Oct 15, Nov 19, Dec 17, 9:30-11:00, St. Luke's Hospice, Boise, or by phone*

**Agenda:** Review draft language for hospice residential facility regulations, review proposed palliative care principles, review Health & Welfare finding that oxygen is not part of Room and Board, continue to develop hospice residential facilities proposal

**Recent Actions:** Took over responsibility for Coalition Quality Calls, successful challenged Board of Pharmacy newsletter claim that hospice nurses are not agents of physicians for the purpose of ordering medications by phone

Chair: **Mary Lou Long**, MSN, St. Luke's, Boise [longm@slrhc.org](mailto:longm@slrhc.org)

**Cancer End-of-Life Workgroup** – *Last Wed: Sep 30, Oct 28, Nov 25, no Dec mtg, by phone, 12:30-1:30; co-committee of the Idaho End-of-Life Coalition and the Comprehensive Cancer Alliance for Idaho*

**Agenda:** Review survey results to identify issues around the timing and content of hospice conversations with cancer patients, set steps to address issues identified

**Recent Actions:** Created and circulated survey to identify issues around the timing and content of hospice conversations with cancer patients:

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=R1CiUtLNeyCZ13bqJCEZrg\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=R1CiUtLNeyCZ13bqJCEZrg_3d_3d)

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