

Draft Agenda as of July 6

**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 - “The Value and Challenges of Providing Palliative Care in
Maine: What Will it Take?”**

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

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
And Team Players*

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

Native American-TBA

Immigrant Community-TBA

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

Shelly Jacobs, LCSW, MSW, MMC PAC Team

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

12:15-1:00PM Lunch

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:

Fran Jensen, MD, Medical Director, MaineCare

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 and Interim Chair of Sociology , 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 and Palliative Care: Cannabis**
Tiffany Wagner, PharmD, Oncology Pharmacist, Pen Bay Medical Center

- 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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