



MINNESOTA NETWORK OF
HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE

MNHPC Member Benefits

Communications

- **eSubscription to the weekly *Update* and monthly *ALERT***, our e-newsletters containing national and state news within the hospice and palliative care community.
- **Exclusive access to member pages on our website** at www.mnhpc.org where you can download forms, find regulatory information and updates and archived agendas and minutes from MNHPC meetings and e-newsletters. To retrieve your login credentials, email info@mnhpc.org.

Resources

- **Complimentary 100 copies and discounted member-rate on every purchase of *Choosing Hospice: A Consumer's Guide***. At \$0.30/copy for members, this informational pamphlet is an essential resource for your patients and their families when navigating hospice and palliative care services.
- **Complimentary copy of digital videos providing important information on hospice care in the Somali, Latino and Hmong communities**. MNHPC is also developing companion resources to support these digital videos and as a member, you will have access to this group of materials. If you have not yet received a copy please email info@mnhpc.org.
- **Job Board** Your membership allows you to list job opportunities with your organization on our website. This information is also made available to readers of the weekly MNHPC e-newsletters. To post a job please email info@mnhpc.org.
- **Basecamp** Basecamp provides project management and collaboration tools for members to share and discuss updates related to COVID-19.
- **Opportunity to join MNHPC Committees**, which include: Development and Marketing, Education and Training, Finance and Audit, Hospice and Palliative Physicians, Membership, Public Policy, and Standards of Practice committees.

Support for Your Program

- **COVID-19 Support** MNHPC continues to hold regular COVID-19 update calls and connects members to national, state, and local partners such as National Hospice & Palliative Care Organization, Minnesota Department of Health, LeadingAge Minnesota, Care Providers of Minnesota, and the Minnesota HomeCare Association.
- **Payment Advocacy** MNHPC is your advocate with National Government Services (NGS), Medicare and Minnesota Medicaid.

- **State-wide Coalitions** MNHPC is your voice on multiple state efforts, including: the Minnesota Palliative Care Advisory Council, State POLST Committee, Honoring Choices Minnesota, Minnesota Leadership Council on Aging, Stratis Health, Rural Palliative Care Initiative, Minnesota Hospice VA partnership, and Pediatric Palliative Care Coalition of Minnesota. MNHPC and Stratis Health are leading the development of a Serious Illness Coalition.
- **Assistance with Questions** - MNHPC's Best Practice and Regulatory Team responds to questions from hospice providers, state agencies and other health providers each year about reimbursement and regulatory issues. To submit your questions, email Executive Director, Jessica Hausauer, at jessica@mnhpc.org. Please include "Technical Assistance" in the subject line.
- **Patient Referrals** In CMS's hospice handbook and website, MNHPC is the Minnesota contact for local resources. We support patients and families through our HelpLine, and on our "Find a Provider" web page at www.mnhpc.org.

Education and Professional Development

- **Exclusive member-rate to register** for the annual MNHPC Conference, May 10th and 11th, 2021.
- **Exclusive member-rate to register** for the annual Fall Forum. This event is held in October or November and topics are based on recommendations from our members.
- **Exclusive member-rate to register** for numerous educational webinars offered throughout the year by MNHPC . These have been a very popular addition to our educational offerings.



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MNHPC 2020 Highlights

The Basics of Serious Illness and End-of-Life Care E-Course

MNHPC launched an eight module e-course designed to educate home and community-based service providers as well as patients, families, and caregivers on the basics of serious illness and end-of-life care. The course is available in four languages: English, Spanish, Somali, and Hmong.

Executive Director Transition

We celebrated the accomplishments of outgoing Executive Director, Susan Marschalk and welcomed Jessica Hausauer to the role in April.

COVID-19 Support

We collaborated with state partners on pain and symptom management and visitation guidance for patients living in Long Term Care settings during the pandemic. We established regular COVID-19 update calls for provider members and hospice and palliative physicians, and developed a message board through Basecamp, where members can collaborate and troubleshoot issues.

Health Equity and COVID-19

We hosted a webinar titled, *Health Equity and COVID-19* with Dr. Miguel Ruiz to provide education on health disparities and COVID-19.

40th Anniversary Celebration Honoring our Past, Building our Future

We celebrated 40 years of MNHPC and heard presentations from Loes Vlaminck, Dr. Vic Sandler, and Zach O'Neel. This milestone gave us an opportunity to look back on all we have accomplished.

Serious Illness Virtual Action Network

MNHPC and Stratis Health, in collaboration with numerous partners, convened a Serious Illness Action Network addressing serious illness care during the pandemic. Over 191 individuals registered for the event and over 100 attended. Attendees included clinicians, health plan representatives, long term care providers, patient, family, and caregiver representatives, foundation representatives and many more.

Star Tribune Article

MNHPC and provider members were included in a Star Tribune article highlighting the value of hospice care.

Fall Forum and Florence Schorske Wald Lecture

We were proud to present, *Re-Imagining How We Die: Innovation and Transformation*, with Janet Booth. This virtual continuing education opportunity was interactive and engaging.