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Re: Washington State Hospice & Palliative Care Organization 2020 Membership

Dear Colleagues:

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Washington State Hospice & Palliative Care Organization. Your membership enables us to meet the continuing challenges we face together.

It's a busy and exciting time to be working in hospice and palliative care! We remain committed to being an organization which grows and changes to offer more support and services to all of our members. At the 2019 strategic planning session this fall, WSHPCO board members revisited agency goals and objectives and reconfirmed priorities for growing the agency and better serving its members. As a result, key areas of development were identified:

- Finishing work (as first identified in the 2018 plan) with our Public Policy Committee and Public Policy Director Leslie Emerick in development of a Palliative Care Road Map;
- Working with the Public Policy Committee, the Palliative Care Networking group and Leslie Emerick to explore options for legislation regarding funding for palliative care.
- Providing cost-effective educational opportunities for WSHPCO members.

Services WSHPCO continues to provide on a regular basis include:

- Leslie Emerick's representation with state regulatory bodies through DOH, HCA and DSHS Roundtables, providing frontline membership perspective on the many issues discussed: CoNs, long term care, drug take-back, Rural Palliative Care Initiative, Adult Palliative Care Rules, VSED, pediatric palliative care
- Monthly networking calls for members: QAPI/Regulatory, Inpatient Hospice Directors/Managers, Public Policy, Volunteer Coordinators, Education/Conference Planning
- Monthly networking calls that are open to both members and other interested groups: palliative care networking, pediatric palliative care
- And--just beginning this month: monthly networking calls for Hospice Medical Directors

Education remains a priority of WSHPCO and its members, offering high quality trainings and conferences multiple times throughout the year. WSHPCO continues to provide the annual Spring Intensive: Regulatory Update jointly coordinated with the Oregon Hospice & Palliative Care Association and the annual fall conference "Expanding Dimensions in Hospice & Palliative Care". In 2019, through a joint providership agreement with NHPCO, we were once again able to offer CME to physicians at the fall conference, something that was valued highly by participants and will be repeated in 2020.

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Other membership benefits include:

- Attendance at the annual Hospice Advocacy Intensive in Washington, DC
- Access to educational programs through webinars and on-site training
- Receipt of the weekly e-mail newsletter, WSHPCO eNews, which includes a brief summary of timely and pertinent journal and newspaper articles on end-of-life issues
- Listing on the Find a Provider page on our Web site at <https://wshpco.org/>
- Discounted rates at WSHPCO and Oregon Hospice & Palliative Care Association conferences

The past several years have continued to bring a record number of regulatory changes in hospice. We continue to face the challenges of payment reform, ever-increasing scrutiny by the Office of the Inspector General, the "MACs" and other CMS "subcontractors", continued changes and expansion in quality reporting requirements, as well as all the "usual" challenges in providing care for dying Washingtonians and their families. We work closely with our colleagues at the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, with the National Government Services Provider Outreach and Education Advisory Group and with the Council of States committee to stay abreast of current and proposed regulatory changes.

Our intention remains to help you lead through the challenges. It is our goal to:

- Be available to you when you need us, including technical support
- Be responsive to your requests
- Keep you informed about our complex industry and the changes being proposed
- Provide great education and networking opportunities
- Advocate for your interests with external stakeholders who have the power to affect our work

In an effort to better serve both the public and our member hospice and palliative care providers, we continue to improve our website, enhancing it to be a dynamic resource for you. Meg McCauley, Director of Association Management, monitors our website daily. Please let her know if you have any suggestions or ideas for additional content or resources: [mccauley@wshpco.org](mailto:mccauley@wshpco.org).

These are services and benefits you receive as a member of the Washington State Hospice & Palliative Care Association. For these reasons, we invite you to be an WSHPCO member for 2020. Thank you for your many contributions to people in our state. We have attached a 2-page Provider Member Dues Statement for you to complete and return. Information collected on this form will be used to edit your listing on the WSHPCO website Directory and let us know who in your program we can include in our emails. The deadline for the dues and roster update is February 28, 2019. You may also complete and renew your membership online at <https://wshpco.org/membership/>. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Hansen, WSHPCO Executive Director, at [hansen@wshpco.org](mailto:hansen@wshpco.org) or 541.231.2440.

Best regards,



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Enclosures (3)

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**2020 Provider Membership Dues Statement – please complete all information thoroughly; information provided here will be transferred to your website listing.**

**Definition of Hospice Provider Member:** Any public or private agency, entity, center, institution or any distinct part of these organizations which is licensed by the state of Washington as a hospice agency or volunteer hospice and provides hospice care. Hospice Provider members have voting responsibilities and privileges.

**Definition of Palliative Care Provider Member:** Any public or private agency, entity, center, institution, which is providing palliative care services and is recognized as a distinct palliative care program and is licensed by appropriate state oversight, if required. Palliative Care Provider members have voting responsibilities and privileges.

Agency Name:

Admin/Director Name:

Email:

Address :

Tel:

City/State/Zip:

Counties Served:

Website:

Cities Served (please attach separate sheet if too many cities to list here):

**Please check if your agency provides BOTH hospice AND palliative care services:**

**For Medicare-Certified Hospices** - Calculate the amount due using the following formula per provider number:  
 Number of Admissions from January 1 through December 31, 2019 multiplied by \$5.00. Programs with multiple sites are to include the main office and all branches for a total census. **Minimum Dues Payment is \$300.**

Number of patients admitted in 2019:

Multiplied by \$5.00 =

Total:

**For Volunteer or State-Licensed Hospices and Palliative Care Programs (please check) – Annual dues = \$300**

Volunteer Hospice

State-licensed Hospice

Palliative Care Program

**PAYMENT INFORMATION** (checks and credit cards accepted) *You may also renew and pay securely online at <https://wshpco.org/medicare-certified-hospice-program-form/>*

Credit Card #:

Check

Name on Credit Card:

Billing Address:

City/State/Zip:

Exp. Date:

Vcard #:

Signature:

**Make checks payable to WSHPCO. Send your Provider Membership forms and payment to:**

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## STAFF CONTACTS

WSHPCO membership extends to the entire staff of the member organization. Members receive information, notices and access to various list-serves, including the weekly eNews, education and conference materials. Please let us know if there are changes to your information to ensure you receive important and timely information. Thank you!

Group	Name(s)	E-Mail Address(es)	Optional: Add to Distribution Lists (please check)	
<b>Hospice/Palliative Care Leader/Director</b>			<input type="checkbox"/> QAPI/Regulatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Palliative Care Networking
			<input type="checkbox"/> Public Policy	<input type="checkbox"/> Pediatric Palliative Care
<b>Clinical Contact</b> (operational contact, Patient Care Coordinator)			<input type="checkbox"/> QAPI/Regulatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Palliative Care Networking
			<input type="checkbox"/> Public Policy	<input type="checkbox"/> Pediatric Palliative Care
<b>Hospice &amp; Palliative Medicine Director</b> (physician, NP)			<input type="checkbox"/> QAPI/Regulatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Palliative Care Networking
			<input type="checkbox"/> Public Policy	<input type="checkbox"/> Pediatric Palliative Care
Social Worker			<input type="checkbox"/> QAPI/Regulatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Palliative Care Networking
			<input type="checkbox"/> Public Policy	<input type="checkbox"/> Pediatric Palliative Care
Bereavement Coordinator			<input type="checkbox"/> QAPI/Regulatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Palliative Care Networking
			<input type="checkbox"/> Public Policy	<input type="checkbox"/> Pediatric Palliative Care
Volunteer Coordinator			<input type="checkbox"/> QAPI/Regulatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Palliative Care Networking
			<input type="checkbox"/> Public Policy	<input type="checkbox"/> Pediatric Palliative Care
Spiritual Care Coordinator			<input type="checkbox"/> QAPI/Regulatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Palliative Care Networking
			<input type="checkbox"/> Public Policy	<input type="checkbox"/> Pediatric Palliative Care
Hospice Biller			<input type="checkbox"/> QAPI/Regulatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Palliative Care Networking
			<input type="checkbox"/> Public Policy	<input type="checkbox"/> Pediatric Palliative Care
QAPI Coordinator			<input type="checkbox"/> QAPI/Regulatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Palliative Care Networking
			<input type="checkbox"/> Public Policy	<input type="checkbox"/> Pediatric Palliative Care
Other (please specify)			<input type="checkbox"/> QAPI/Regulatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Palliative Care Networking
			<input type="checkbox"/> Public Policy	<input type="checkbox"/> Pediatric Palliative Care