Minnesota Rural Palliative Care Initiative

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Session Goals

- Describe palliative care
  - How is it different from hospice care?
  - What are the unique challenges and opportunities for rural communities?
- Gain information about participating in the Minnesota Rural Palliative Care Initiative
Palliative Care in Rural Communities
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What is it?

A learning collaborative that will bring together up to 10 rural communities to start or strengthen palliative care programs in their communities.
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- Stratis Health
- Fairview Health Services
- UCare
- MDH - Office of Rural Health and Primary Care
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Who is eligible?

- Minnesota rural communities
  - Hospitals
  - Home health agencies
  - Hospice programs
  - Nursing homes
  - Other community resources such as public health, parish nursing, etc.
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Who should be on a community palliative care team?

- Representatives from the various provider settings
  - Multidisciplinary
    - Physician
    - Nurse
    - Therapist
    - Social Services
    - Chaplain
    - Administrative/business
    - Pharmacy
    - Others
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- Goal: develop or enhance a community-wide palliative care program
- Activities
  - Four in-person learning sessions
  - Regular webinars and conference calls
  - Individual technical assistance
    - Email, phone contact, site visits
- Fall 2008 – spring 2010
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What is the collaborative timeline?

- Recruitment
  - Summer 2008
- Applications
  - Distributed mid-July
  - Due late August
- Selection of communities – early Sept
- First learning session to occur in Nov 2008
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How does a community apply?

- Determine who will be included in your community effort
- Select a “lead provider”
- Select a contact person for the initiative
- Complete/submit the application
Initiative Advisory Committee

- Barry Baines, chief medical officer, UCare
- Estelle Brouwer, sr. vice president, Programs & Communications, Stratis Health
- Lyn Ceronsky, system director, Transitions & Life Choices, Palliative Care Leadership Center, Fairview Health Services
- Michele Fedderly, executive director, Hospice Minnesota
- Patricia Freeman, case review manager, Stratis Health
- Jennifer Lundblad, CEO, Stratis Health
- Mark Papke-Larson, chaplain, North Country Health Services
- Jane Pederson, director of medical affairs, Stratis Health
- Janelle Shearer, program manager, Stratis Health
- Sandra Stover, MD, Cook County Northshore Hospital
- Cally Vinz, director, Evidence-Based Health Care, ICSI
- Karla Weng, program manager, Stratis Health
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Questions?
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