**Colorado Crisis Standards of Care**

**Palliative Care and Hospice Workgroup**

**Hospice Leadership Meeting**

**Notes 6/23/22**

* 10 Participants – please see [meeting video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n5rZGNWMUoA) posted for additional detail and discussion.
* All meeting materials and attachments [here](http://www.nationalhospiceanalytics.com/hospice-care-products-and-services/co-crisis-standards-of-care).

Agenda:

1. **10:00 – 10:30 – Open discussion,** [Michelle Quinn](mailto:michelle@fremontregionalhospice.com)
   1. COVID-19 impact on staffing, moral distress, and hopefulness. Observing more “quick COVID” – mild symptoms that dissipate quickly.
   2. Discussion of providing hospice in facilities, visitation, challenges, and successes.
   3. CDPHE Data 6/21/22, [Cordt Kassner, PhD](mailto:ckassner@hospiceanalytics.com)
      1. Case Summary: 2266 Cases reported today; 323 new hospital admits; 11.73% state positivity rate; 13,349 deaths due to COVID-19.
2. **10:30 – 11:00 – Education / Discussion**
   1. Best wishes to Christy Whitney Borchard on her retirement as the founding CEO of HopeWest in Grand Junction. Welcome to Cassie Mitchell, MSN MBA RN, as HopeWest’s new President & CEO.
   2. Spanish version of the Colorado Palliative Care Guide nearly complete.
   3. Summary / Update on Kim Mooney’s MAID discussions.
      1. Overview of the two national MAID organizations ([Compassion & Choices](https://www.compassionandchoices.org/) and the [American Clinicians Academy on Medical Aid in Dying](https://www.acamaid.org/)).
      2. There is no centralized MAID organization at the state level in Colorado, although Kim had a recent meeting with 52 attendees to address this challenge. She then had a follow up meeting with ~30 people, including ~12 interested in starting a Colorado organization around MAID education, clinical practice, etc.
      3. There was discussion of how a new organization like this might meet current needs. There was also discussion of how hospices and others opposed to MAID might “fit into” an organization like this. The plan for this new organization would be to provide education and information to people across the spectrum of beliefs about MAID.
      4. *This was a fascinating and respectful discussion of differing views on MAID. I refer people interested in details of the discussion to watch the posted video.*
      5. There was question of how this group (i.e., the Colorado Hospice Leadership group) might support or contribute to goals of this new MAID group. Cordt noted that the Colorado Hospice Leadership group grew out of the Colorado Hospice Ethics Resource (CHER) group in response to COVID-19. However, as COVID-19 responses have changed over the years, there is question of direction for these groups. So, we’re figuring out where to go.

Articles for Discussion / Assistance:

1. New Colorado Palliative Care Guide: Available [here](http://www.centerhealthcareanalytics.org/).

Next Call: 7/21/22 @ 10:00-11:00 AM (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7430085211>).