**Colorado Crisis Standards of Care**

**Palliative Care and Hospice Workgroup**

**Hospice Leadership Meeting**

**Notes 3/31/22**

* 11 Participants – please see meeting video 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. Follow up from Steven’s presentation. Working with Steven to develop hospice in corrections presentations and outreach.
   2. Review the new [Colorado Palliative Care Guide](http://www.centerhealthcareanalytics.org/). Jenn Klus and Cordt Kassner, with wide input from palliative care experts and a UCHealth Patient Panel, have just released the English version of the Colorado Palliative Care Guide. Spanish version in process. Web, print, and original files available free of charge.
   3. COVID-19 impact on staffing, moral distress, and hopefulness. Staffing remains challenging, although COVID stress declining as case rates are dropping.
   4. Discussion of providing hospice in facilities, visitation, challenges, and successes. Facilities generally working well with hospice providers in terms of accessing patients.
   5. [The Challenges of Providing Hospice Care in Long-Term Care Facilities During COVID-19](http://www.nationalhospiceanalytics.com/library/CSC/The_Challenges_of_Providing_Hospice_Care_in_Long-term_Care_Facilities_During_COVID-19_-_Mooney_09.14.21.pdf), [Kim Mooney, CT](mailto:kim@practically-dying.com), 720-434-5942 – paper released. Kim noted that colleagues in NY have shared this paper with facilities, resulting in improved working relationships!
   6. CDPHE Data 3/30/22, [Cordt Kassner, PhD](mailto:ckassner@hospiceanalytics.com)
      1. Case Summary: 246 Cases reported today; 11 new hospital admits; 2.47% state positivity rate; 12,980 deaths due to COVID-19.
2. **10:30 – 11:00 – Kim Mooney, CT**
   1. Kim facilitated discussion on two recent American Clinicians Academy on Medical Aid in Dying’s Ethics Committee white papers:
      1. A patient with anorexia nervosa requests aid in dying
      2. Navigating conflict between professional nursing commitments to patients and institutional “leave the room” policies
   2. American Clinicians Academy on Medical Aid in Dying: [Organization](https://www.acamaid.org/), [Ethics papers](https://www.acamaid.org/ethics/)
   3. Colorado Sun article yesterday regarding numbers of people seeking MAID: [here](https://coloradosun.com/2022/03/31/medical-aid-in-dying/)

Articles for Discussion / Assistance:

1. New Colorado Palliative Care Guide: Available [here](http://www.centerhealthcareanalytics.org/).
2. CDPHE Colorado End-of-Life Options Act Annual Reports [here](https://cdphe.colorado.gov/center-for-health-and-environmental-data/registries-and-vital-statistics/medical-aid-in-dying).

Next Call: 4/28/22 @ 10:00-11:00 AM (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7430085211>).