



Mission of LifeCircle South Dakota is to assure that...

- people of South Dakota receive the care they need to complete their lives and die peacefully;
- their loved ones receive support;
- and health care providers improve their skills in palliative care.

Objectives:

1. Collaborate and coordinate activities about end-of-life care
2. Improve pain management
3. Educate health care students and practitioners about palliative care and a team approach at end of life
4. Provide education and information to the people of South Dakota
5. Support and conduct relevant research
6. Participate in legislative activities concerning end-of-life care, advocating for the rights of individuals and families at end of life.

Organizational History:

- 1999** Sanford School of Medicine of The University of South Dakota Board of Visitors meeting focuses on end-of-life care in South Dakota.
- 1999** The Partnership for Improving End-of-Life care in South Dakota evolves from that initial meeting.
- 2000** End-Of-Life Seminar begins.
- 2005** The Partnership is renamed LifeCircle South Dakota and aims for statewide interdisciplinary, inter-institutional representation in accomplishing its mission.

Today an Advisory Committee oversees the work of LifeCircle SD.



LifeCircle SD Advisory Board 2007

Top row: Joaine Kempema, David Brechtelbauer, Lois Schuller, Linda Schmid.
Middle row: Margot Nelson, Deb Fischer-Clemens, LuAnn Eidness.
Bottom row: Susan Schraeder, Susan Halbritter, LaVonne Gaspar
Not pictured: Dottie Brown, Jerome Freeman, Ellen Schellinger, Dan Heinenmann

To learn more, contact our website:
<http://www.LifeCircleSD.org>

Statewide Collaboration

- Nurtures investments in palliative care from statewide players in education, research, and health care, as exemplified by the 2006 & 2007 conferences
- Conducts quarterly conference calls
- Maintains website



LifeCircle South Dakota Coalitions (2007)

Interdisciplinary Palliative Care (IPC) Seminar

- Implements a 5-week interdisciplinary palliative care seminar for over 300 students in medicine, nursing, social work, pharmacy, and chaplaincy.
- Interdisciplinary & Inter-Institutional
 - Medicine (*Sanford School of Medicine of The University of South Dakota*)
 - Nursing (*Augustana, The University of South Dakota*)
 - Pharmacy (*South Dakota State University*)
 - Social Work (*University of Sioux Falls*)
 - Chaplaincy (*Avera Clinical Pastoral Education, North American Baptist Seminary*)
 - Offered in Sioux Falls, Yankton, and Rapid City.
- Content includes palliative and hospice care, the team approach, pain and non-pain symptom management, cultural sensitivity, spirituality, and legal & ethical issues.
- Web-based reading, interdisciplinary team and dyad assignment, case study, lecture, small group discussions, role playing, videos, home visits in hospice, nursing home, and home sites.



Research & Grant Activity

- 2000** Development of IPC Seminar
• Funded by Egger Foundation
- 2001** Pain Management Surveys of SD facilities and practitioners
- 2004** Dying to Know (Survey of 5,000 Sioux Falls households)
• Funded by Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation
- 2005** South Dakota's Dying to Know (Survey of 10,000 South Dakota households)
• Funded by Avera Health and Sioux Valley Foundations
- 2006** South Dakota Dying to Know II (Statewide interviews with South Dakotans who had experienced death of a loved one in the last 5 years)
• Funded by Wellmark Foundation
- 2007** LifeCircle SD: Statewide Education & Training (Conference, quarterly calls, train-the-trainer on advance directives)
• Funded by Wellmark Foundation



Return of Completed Surveys for SDD2K



Community Conversations & Education

- Traveling Art Exhibit captures end-of-life through stories and photos
 - Outcome from Augustana course pairing senior students with people who are dying
 - Available by contacting jkempema@usd.edu (605-357-1331)
- Community Forums to discuss end-of-life issues
- Presentations to local, state, national and international audiences



Community Forums