



June 16, 2005
8:00 am-4:00 pm
Best Western
Royal Trade Plaza
Marlborough, MA



The Massachusetts Hospice-Veteran Partnership

There are 536,000 veterans living in Massachusetts and almost 14,000 die each year, about one-fourth of all deaths in the Commonwealth. The Massachusetts Hospice-Veteran Partnership (MHVP) is a coalition of individuals from the Department of Veterans Affairs' facilities, community hospices and other organizations working together to ensure that compassionate, high quality care at the end of life is available for the state's veterans and their families.

MHVP is part of the national network of hospice-veteran partnerships that are integral to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, veterans service organizations and the Veterans Health Administration initiative that has made high quality end of life care a priority.



Conference Goals

- To educate staff about the VA's national and state initiatives to improve end-of-life care for veterans.
- To enhance staff's understanding of unique end-of-life issues for veterans and their families.
- To facilitate collaboration among VA providers, community hospices and other palliative care services in order to improve end-of-life care for veterans.



Target Audience

This program is intended for nurses, pharmacists, physicians, psychologists, social workers, dietitians, chaplains and others interested in improving end-of-life care for veterans.



Continuing Education

This conference is sponsored by :
The Massachusetts Hospice-Veteran
Partnership



and the
VA New England
Healthcare
System

In order to successfully complete this educational activity and receive a CE certificate you must sign in, remain for the entire program, complete and submit an evaluation form.

Nurses: 7.2 contact hours for nurses are provided by the VA New England Health Care Network, VISN 1 Continuing Nursing Education Provider Unit, which is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Centers Commission on Accreditation (ANCC COA).

Pharmacists: The VA New England Health Care System is accredited by the accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) as a provider of continuing pharmacy education. This activity provides 6 contact hours.

Physicians: The VISN 1 Continuing Medical Education Program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians. This activity provides 6 category one credits.

Psychologists: The Psychology Service of the VABHS is approved by the American Psychological Association to offer continuing education for psychologists. The Psychology Service of the VABHS maintains responsibility for the program. This activity provides 6 contact hours.

Social workers: Six Continuing Education hours have been applied for and are pending by NASW, Massachusetts Chapter.

Dietitians: Six continuing Education hours have been applied for and are pending approval by the Commission on Dietetic Registration.

Chaplains: Six hours of continuing education credit will be provided for chaplains.



Agenda

8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 Introduction, Program Overview

8:45 Wounded Warriors: Their Last Battle
Deborah Grassman, ARNP, Bay Pines VA Medical Center, FL

10:15 Break

10:30 The VA Hospice and Palliative Care Initiative
Scott Shreve, DO, National Director, Hospice and Palliative Care

11:15 Partnering with Massachusetts Hospices: What You can Expect
Diane Bergeron, RN, MSM, President, Hospice & Palliative Care Federation of MA, Executive Director, Hospice Care, Inc.

12:00 Luncheon

1:00 The Hospice-Veteran Partnership Initiative
Diane Jones, MSW, ACSW, Project Administrator, VA Hospice & Palliative Care Initiative

1:30 Panel Discussion
Shared Vision, Shared Work: VA and Its Hospice Partners
Corrine Smith, RN, MS, NHA, Director, Geriatrics and Extended Care, VISN1, Moderator; Scott Shreve, DO; Diane Bergeron, RN, MSM; Diane Jones, MSW; Jacqueline Rutkowski, BS, RN, Community Health Nurse Coordinator, VA Boston Health Care System

2:15 The Massachusetts Hospice Veteran Partnership: A Call to Action
Michael Cantor, MD, JD, Associate Director, Clinical Affairs, VA New England Geriatric Research, Education and Clinical Center (GRECC), Boston Division

2:30 Concurrent Workshops
Please indicate workshop selection on registration form

A Wounded Warriors, Part II: Case Studies
Deborah Grassman, ARNP; Bay Pines VA Medical Center, FL

B Understanding Post-traumatic Stress in the Lives of Veterans: A Life Span Perspective
Eve H. Davison, Ph.D; Clinical Director, Women's Stress Disorder Treatment Team National Center for PTSD, VA Boston Healthcare System

C The Most Difficult Conversation: Telling Bad News and Listening to the Patient
Michelle Hankins, MD, Jeanine Penzo, LICSW, Diane Dubord, RN, VA Boston Healthcare System

D Spiritual Care at the End of Life: A Team Response
David Whiteley, D.Min, Lead Chaplain; and Jonathan Maxson, MSW Intern; Advanced Illness/Palliative Care Team, Northampton VAMC

E Palliative Treatment of Advanced Liver Disease in the Veteran Population
Marie McCormick, RN, MS, CRNP, Nurse Practitioner, Providence VAMC

F Integrating Loss into Life: Understanding Grief and Bereavement
John R. Jordan, PhD, The Family Loss Project, Sherborn, MA

G Alzheimer's at the End of the Veteran's Journey
Patricia Lane, BSN, RNC, Clinical Trials Coordinator, GRECC; Jo Ann Panke, BSN, RNC, Nurse Manager, Dementia Special Care Unit Mary Ellen Riordan, MSW, LICSW, GRECC, Bedford VAMC

H Palliative Pain Management
Cathy Schutt, RN, MS, ANP, President, Pain Resources Network, Melrose, MA

3:45 Workshops End

4:00 Evaluations, CE Distribution



If any participant is in need of special accommodations due to a disability in order to attend this program, please contact the Hospice & Palliative Care Federation at 781 255-7077 or hospicefed@aol.com by May 16, 2005.



Directions

From Route 495 north or south, take exit 24B onto Route 20. Hotel is one mile on the right.

Honoring and Caring for Veterans at the End of Life



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Registration must be received by June 9, 2005

Name

Organization

Title

Address

City State Zip

Telephone Fax

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Please indicate the letter of your workshop preference:

Conference fee \$70. per person. Fee includes continental breakfast, luncheon, materials and continuing education credits.

Please make check payable and mail to: Hospice & Palliative Care Federation of MA 1420 Providence Highway, Suite 277 Norwood, MA 02062

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