**Colorado Crisis Standards of Care**

**Palliative Care and Hospice Workgroup**

**Hospice Leadership Meeting**

**Notes 1/21/21**

13 Participants

All meeting materials and attachments [here](http://www.nationalhospiceanalytics.com/hospice-care-products-and-services/co-crisis-standards-of-care).

1. CHER updates, [Jean Abbott, MD MH](mailto:jean.abbott@cuanschutz.edu)
   1. How are hospices experiencing COVID right now? Fairly stable referrals, more recent COVID cases due to out of state visitors, hospices flexing patient visitor policy based on individual circumstances. Some hospices have good access to vaccines, while others continue to struggle. Hospice leadership taking a positive perspective regarding getting vaccinated. About 1/3 of people with COVID report ongoing effects 3 months later. Long-standing relationships with local hospitals and departments of health have streamlined vaccine access for some hospices. Some hospices without those relationships with large hospitals / health systems struggle to access vaccine.
   2. CDPHE stopping use of Curative Labs for inpatient units effective today.
2. CDPHE updates, [Jenn Klus, MPH](mailto:jenn.klus@state.co.us)
   1. Seeking assistance with setting up Palliative Care Call Center – particularly identifying current contacts.
      1. *Could CDPHE require each licensed organization identify a disaster manager / coordinator? It would definitely be helpful. Jenn Klus agreed to follow-up with facilities division.*
   2. Working on a Colorado Palliative Care Roadmap project based on the good work from the [Washington Palliative Care Roadmap](https://wshpco.org/media/609-013-PalliativeCareRoadmap.pdf).
3. Moral Distress, [Jenn Flaum, LCSW MBA](mailto:jflaum@heartlightcenter.org)
   1. CHER Health Resources Website (formerly “moral distress website”) group active, seeking funding, and have been approached to do a couple webinars.
   2. Moral Distress Call Center updates. Working on grant proposal.
   3. [Heartlight Center](https://heartlightcenter.org/) updates. Heartlight has facilitated two hospice-focused meetings and several other groups related to moral distress, healthcare workers, COVID-loss (death or otherwise), a group on the phases of a disaster, as well as other grief and bereavement groups.
4. Colorado Hospice Survey updates, [Cordt Kassner, PhD](mailto:ckassner@hospiceanalytics.com)
   1. CDPHE Data 1/17/21:
      1. **860 Cases reported today; 74 new hospital admits; 4.07% state positivity rate; 4502 deaths due to COVID-19. These numbers are similar to mid-October 2020.**
      2. **Hospice Outbreaks: 4 active hospice outbreaks (3 in Colorado Springs, 1 Delta); 4 resolved cases.**
      3. **COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution:**
         1. **Colorado is in Phases 1A and 1B.**
         2. **474 vaccine providers have administered 338,584 doses (287K first doses; 51K second doses)**
         3. **Hospice Staff and Patients Phase 1B.**
   2. [Every Other Week Colorado Hospice Survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HA-CSC)
5. Discussion Topics: [Michelle Quinn](mailto:michelle@fremontregionalhospice.com)
   1. Accessing facilities.
   2. COVID testing.
   3. Influenza reporting.

**Next Call: 2/4/21 @ 10:00-11:00 AM (**[**https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7430085211**](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7430085211)**)**