**Colorado Crisis Standards of Care**

**Palliative Care and Hospice Workgroup**

**Hospice Leadership Meeting 4/15/21**

**Notes**

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

1. Open discussion – current concerns?
   1. Governor turning COVID control measures over to county mayors tomorrow (4/16/21) – the CDPHE Dials become “recommendations”. What does this mean for hospices?
      1. Restrictions have already been confusing – this isn’t expected to help! CDPHE guidelines for healthcare workers haven’t changed.
      2. Is CDPHE changing healthcare guidance in light of changes to local oversight? Jenn checking with Facilities.
      3. Terri shared the attached CDPHE COVID-19 April 2021 Mask Mandate Extension Fact Sheet – thanks!
2. FEMA Funeral Assistance: On 3/24/21 FEMA announced a program to provide financial assistance for funeral expenses incurred after 1/20/20 for deaths related to COVID-19. Assistance is limited to $9,000 per funeral and a maximum of $35,000 per application. Applications began to be accepted 4/12/21. For additional information:
   1. [Press Release](https://www.fema.gov/press-release/20210324/fema-help-pay-funeral-costs-covid-19-related-deaths)
   2. [FEMA COVID-19 Funeral Assistance webpage](https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance#funds)
   3. [FAQs](https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance/faq)
3. Facility Visitation Paper, [Kim Mooney, CT](mailto:kim@practically-dying.com), 720-434-5942. Contact Kim details.
4. CHER updates, [Jean Abbott, MD MH](mailto:jean.abbott@cuanschutz.edu). CHER sent a letter to Governor Polis asking for continued healthcare worker support in terms of wearing masks. Another letter is planned.
5. CDPHE updates, [Jenn Klus, MPH](mailto:jenn.klus@state.co.us)
   1. CDPHE has partnered with CIVHC and others to produce several advance care planning videos for National Healthcare Decisions Day tomorrow – <https://www.civhc.org/programs-and-services/advance-care-planning/>

<https://www.facebook.com/ColoradoCancerCoalition>

<https://www.facebook.com/CIVHC>

* 1. Continuing progress and presentations on palliative care report, interactive map, and Palliative Care Roadmap projects.

1. Moral Distress, [Jenn Flaum, LCSW MBA](mailto:jflaum@heartlightcenter.org). Heartlight Center continues hospice and healthcare worker moral distress groups, and they have presentations available.
2. Discussion Topics: [Michelle Quinn](mailto:michelle@fremontregionalhospice.com)
   1. COVID testing and vaccinations.
   2. [Hospice License Plate](https://caresynergynetwork.org/colorado-lawmakers-consider-new-license-plate-to-honor-hospice-and-palliative-care/): Please contact your legislators ([here](https://leg.colorado.gov/legislators)) and advocate your support for HB21-1128.
3. Colorado Hospice Survey updates, [Cordt Kassner, PhD](mailto:ckassner@hospiceanalytics.com)
   1. CDPHE Data 4/13/21:
      1. [Case Summary](https://covid19.colorado.gov/data/covid-19-dial-dashboard)**: 803 Cases reported today; 64 new hospital admits; 5.92% state positivity rate; 6303 deaths due to COVID-19.**
      2. [Hospice Outbreaks](https://covid19.colorado.gov/covid19-outbreak-data)**: 0 active hospice outbreaks; 8 resolved cases.**
      3. [COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Plan](https://covid19.colorado.gov/for-coloradans/vaccine/vaccine-for-coloradans)**: Colorado is in Phase 2 (General public 16+).**
      4. [Administration](https://covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine)**: 1278 vaccine providers have administered 3,298,100 doses (2.1M first doses; 1.3M fully immunized; 59% of population).**

Articles for Discussion / Assistance:

**Next Call: 4/29/21 @ 10:00-11:00 AM (**[**https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7430085211**](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7430085211)**)**