



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION PACKET

The Idaho Quality of Life Coalition stands alone for consistent leadership and innovation in end-of-life care. Improved conditions and access to quality end-of-life care is our vision. Our mission is *to work collaboratively with our partners in providing education, tools and resources to promote quality of life through Advance Planning, Hospice and Palliative Care*. We are a true coalition, and our work is done by volunteer, member-driven committees. The Coalition only employs a part-time director.

Broad-based membership is our most effective tool in reforming end-of-life care and promoting palliative care for people of all ages. We are a non-profit organization. Our vision and mission attract individuals from state and local agencies, medical facilities, elder-law firms, hospices, nursing homes, universities, the Idaho Commission on Aging, the National Association of Social Workers/Idaho, Idaho Health Care Association, and AARP/Idaho. As Coalition members, they serve on our board of directors, committees, and task groups.

RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

2012-2014 - **Cambia Health Foundation Grant - \$206,000**

To implement a multi-year, statewide education campaign on advance directives, Hospice and Palliative Care to consumers and providers.

2011-2013 - **POLST Paradigm Grant - \$35,000**

To implement a multi-year statewide education campaign about advance directives, the Idaho POST and the State Healthcare Directive Registry

2010 - **Cambia Health Foundation "Sojourns Award" - \$50,000**

For leadership in advancing quality palliative and end-of-life care in Idaho

2010 - **Health Care Hero**

By the Idaho Business Review

2009 - **Idaho Governor's Brightest Star**

For volunteer service

2004 - **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Rallying Points Awards of Excellence**

COALITION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Coalition makes end-of-life and palliative care improvements through research, public policy work, professional education and community engagement. We have:

- 1) encouraged increasing palliative services of hospice from 17% of dying people receiving hospice care in 1999 to more than 50% receiving hospice care in 2009.
- 2) co-sponsored the first-ever, very successful (39% return rate) Idaho Statewide End-of-Life Survey with the *Center for the Study of Aging* at Boise State University.
- 3) convened stakeholders around advance care planning and care at the end of life with successful legislation to:
 - revise the Idaho Natural Death Act,
 - promote the POST (Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment) as the Idaho Do Not Resuscitate Program, and
 - establish Idaho's online advance health care directive registry.
- 4) collaborated with the Idaho Commission on Aging producing: "Alzheimer's Disease: Care and Support at the End of Life" and "Hospice in Long Term Care Facilities."
- 5) Sponsor Idaho's largest annual gathering of end-of-life/palliative care professionals, a unique collaboration with skilled nursing facilities, assisted living, and home health associations.
- 6) developed and published a 108-page Idaho-specific advance care planning guide, *The Right Choice at The Right Time* and placed the guide in every library and senior center in the state.

STRATEGIC GOALS

Community Outreach—provide opportunities for communities across the state to gain a better understanding of and access to hospice and palliative care and to become empowered to make informed choices related to end-of-life care.

Professional Education—engage professional partners and promote the growth of a professional care-giving culture that embodies the principles of palliative care at the end-of-life.

Public Policy—identify end-of-life and hospice public policy issues and develop initiatives to address those issues.

Organizational Capacity—strengthen Idaho's hospice and end-of-life network and increase the capacity to provide and promote palliative end-of-life care in communities throughout Idaho.

Idaho Quality of Life Coalition Board of Directors Leadership

Peter C. Sisson, CELA, Sisson & Sisson, The Elder Law Firm, President

Carolyn Nystrom, RN, Hospice and Palliative Care of the Wood River Valley, Vice President

Staff

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Membership Application/Renewal



Multi-branch hospices: Please copy this page and fill in one for each branch so that our consumer directory includes all of your locations.

Date: _____

Name of Organization/Individual *Counties Served*

Street Address *City* *State* *Zip* *Website*

Principal Contact Name (& designation/s: RN, MSW, MBA, etc) *Position/Title*

Telephone *Fax* *Email Address- please use one unlikely to change*

Secondary Contact Name (& designation/s: RN, MSW, MBA, etc) *Position/Title*

Telephone (if different) *Fax* *Email Address*

Check one: Non-profit For-Profit Government Other _____

To support a viable statewide Quality of Life voice, the Coalition Board has set the following dues:

Dues for organizations and individuals- non-hospice

- \$400 for statewide organizations and national vendors
- \$200 for regional (multi-county) organizations and vendors
- \$100 for local (city or county) organizations and vendors
- \$50 for individuals \$ _____

Hospice Dues: Base your membership level on the total admissions for all of your Idaho branches in 2012. Call if you have questions- we don't want this to be too confusing!

Choose one:

- H-0 Pre-certified (no past year admissions) \$250
- H-1 Past year admissions (0-50 patients) \$350
- H-2 Past year admissions (51-100 patients) \$400
- H-3 Past year admissions (101-150 patients) \$450
- H-4 Past year admissions (151-225 patients) \$525
- H-5 Past year admissions (226-300 patients) \$675
- H-6 Past year admissions (301-375 patients) \$900
- H-7 Past year admissions (376- 450 patients) \$1,150
- H-8 Past year admissions (451 or more patients) \$1,500 \$ _____

You may pay by check or email us if you would like to use a credit card, and we will send a paypal invoice.

Mail check and application to: Idaho Quality of Life Coalition
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Idaho Quality of Life Coalition Committee Descriptions

The Coalition is a known leader for gathering working groups of constituents and key stakeholders around issues of end-of-life care. For example, both the Idaho Office of the Attorney General and the Idaho EMS Bureau sought out the Coalition on key pieces of end-of-life legislation: revising the Idaho Natural Death Act and researching and adapting the Oregon POLST to a model that would respond to identified needs in Idaho. This is a true and working Coalition with only one part-time employee, and our committees work to improve the quality of end-of-life care in Idaho.

Committees meet on a set schedule, in-person when possible but generally by phone. The call-in number for all committee meetings is 712-432-1100, code is 300176#

The **Public Policy (Advance Care Planning) Committee** monitors state legislative activity that may impact care or conditions at the end-of-life in Idaho. The committee shall propose an annual legislative agenda for approval by the Idaho Quality of Life Coalition Board for consideration by the Idaho legislature. The committee shall also provide direction for the Coalition for addressing regulatory issues that affect end-of-life care in Idaho with various state departments including the Medicaid and Regulation and Licensure departments of Idaho Health and Welfare.

Chair: Rick Bassett, CNS

Contact: 208-367-2121, bassettr@slhs.org

Current meeting time: 3rd Tuesday of each month from 4:00-5:30 p.m. MST at Saint Al's

The Ad Hoc **Hospice Policy** and **Quality and Research** Committees discuss research and recommend actions on policy issues affecting hospice in Idaho. In areas of quality and research the committee develops, tracks, reports, and facilitates discussion about measures of the quality of the end-of-life and the quality of care at the end of life in Idaho. Current areas of attention include the recent Medicare hospice rate cut, updating Idaho licensure laws to recognize hospice residential facilities, Medicaid hospice reporting.

Chair: Mary Lou Long, RN, MSN, St. Luke's Hospice, Boise

Contact: 208-381-3946, longm@slrhc.org

Meets as needed

The **Professional/Public Education Committee** coordinates planning for the development of educational events and the distribution of educational materials for professionals and volunteers who work in the end-of-life field, including but not limited to hospice, healthcare, eldercare, and faith community staff. This committee coordinates the annual "Dying Well in Idaho" Conference and Banquet, regional educational events, video and telephone workshops, and professionals-targeted resource materials, newsletters, articles, and web content.

Chair: James Schmidt, Horizon Home Health & Hospice, Meridian

Contact: 208-884-5051, JSchmidt@horizonhh.com

Current meeting time: 4th Monday of each month at 9 am. MST

The Ad Hoc **Community Engagement Committee** develops and implements elements of consumer products, including The Right Choice at The Right Time publication and DNR Jewelry. This is to include preparing, purchasing, and distributing materials while promoting a marketing plan for the RCRT Book Promotion for consumers and professionals.

Engage media with press releases, interviews, events and article placement for presentations and events pertaining to Advance Care Planning, National Hospice Month and National Health Decisions Day. Ensure professional development and networking with the Idaho Hospice Veteran Partnership and NHPCO's Workplace Outreach Initiative. Also any other activities that promote engagement with the community.

Chair: TBA

Contact: 208-841-1862

Meets as needed

Help Set the Idaho Quality of Life Coalition Agenda

Please return with your membership form. • Questions? Call Casey Corbin, Director at 208-841-1862

1. What committee would you like to join or learn more about? Feel free to join more than one. Committee descriptions can be found at www.IDQOL.Org. List the names of those who might want to join each committee.

Name

Phone

Email

Education/Conference: _____

Public Policy (Advance Care Planning): _____

Hospice Policy/Quality/Research: _____

Community Engagement: _____

2. What end-of-life issues do you feel need more attention:

3. What would you most like to see the Coalition accomplish this year?

4. Please identify end-of-life workshop speakers or topics you want to see in Idaho:

5. Please provide the names and contact information for staff to receive the Coalition's electronic end-of-life news and events.

Name

Position

Email address

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Thank You and Welcome!