

Comments from the evaluation forms for the 2016 Pediatric Palliative Care Conference

"It really was excellent--all of it!"

"The logistics were excellent -- venue, food and technology."

"I was overwhelmed with the amount of dedicated individuals in that room. It was comforting and amazing to see the beginning of what this group will stand for."

"I thought it was near perfect! "

"Already looking forward to next year's conference!"

"How wonderful for all the parents that will be affected by the change this group will make in the healthcare field."

"I believe that day was the start to a new part of healing. Thanks again."

"The conference was very well put together. "

"The entire conference was well planned and executed; job WELL done!!"

"I really liked the location — the Church was comfortable and parking was great!"

To register for November 2017 Conference, go to:

<https://childpalliative.org/events.htm>



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For members conference registration is less than standard registration even including dues. For details, go to:

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2017 Conference

"Early Pediatric Palliative Care"

Friday, November 10, 2017



The Peoples Church, East Lansing, MI



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Morning session - Pediatric Palliative Care Programs

- 7:30 to 8:30 **Registration and breakfast**
- 8:30 to 9:00 **"Why palliative care?"** – An introduction.
James Fahner MD
- 9:00 to 9:45 **"Partners for Children"** California's revolutionary waiver program
Devon Dabbs (*Coalition for Compassionate Care of California*)
- 9:45 to 10:00 **Break**
- 10:00 to 10:45 **Pediatric Palliative Care - "4 Teams, 4 Ways"**
A panel representing teams from Children's Hospital of Michigan, Helen DeVos Children's Hospital, University of Michigan/C.S. Mott, and Beaumont discuss their approaches to PPC with parents and patients. Speakers include Bradd Hemker MD, Nadia Tremonti MD, Elizabeth Hollenkamp RN, and Jeanne Lewandowski MD. Facilitated by Teri Turner RN.
- 10:45 to 12:15 **Family Panel** – (including older children in palliative care)
- 12:15 to 1:15 **Lunch**

Afternoon session – the issues ahead

- 1:15 to 2:00 **"Children's healthcare and our legislative future"**
Senator Curtis Hertel, Jr.
- 2:00 to 3:30 **Breakout Session**
Coalition committee groups for each of following topics: Advocacy, Caregiver Education, Perinatal, Respite, and Bereavement Support
- 3:30 to 4:00 **Committee reports**
- 4:00 to 4:30 **Charity Corner** Make-a-Wish Michigan, Rainbow Connection and other charities outline what they can offer children in palliative care
- 4:30 to 5:00 **"Our year ahead"** Closing summary
Ken Pituch, MD
- 5:05 to 7:00 **Reception – Dublin Square.**
(A networking reception with hors d'oeuvres and cash bar in a private room at an adjacent pub)

Program Highlights

Partners for Children

Based on a California Medicaid waiver of 2006, *Partners for Children* is one of the country's first comprehensive pediatric palliative care program. Yet for most of the US it is nonetheless revolutionary today. Developed by the Children's Hospice and Palliative Care Coalition of California, the program enables children with a life-limiting or life-threatening condition to access in-home palliative care services concurrent with curative treatment and with no requirement for hospice eligibility. As recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics, enrollment can begin upon diagnosis. While dramatically increasing the medical and emotional wellbeing of children, the program is also highly cost effective. Net savings – after deducting program costs – average \$3,331 per enrollee per month.

Devon Dabbs

Devon is the co-founder of the Children's Hospice and Palliative Care Coalition in California. Since 2001, years before the Affordable Care Act, Devon was active in working for a Federal waiver to require concurrent care to be available for children. She is now Vice-President of the CCPC, after merger with that coalition in 2015.

James Fahner MD

Dr. Fahner is the founder of the James B. Fahner Pediatric Hospice (now incorporated into the Anchors Programs for Children), as well as being founder and Division Chief of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital.

"4 Teams, 4 ways"

Since no two approaches to pediatric palliative care are exactly the same, this discussion, representing the four leading children's hospitals of Michigan, is a unique opportunity to compare programs with a view to establishing best practices. Parents of children in each of the four programs, as well as older child patients, will be invited to participate.

Family Panel

Feedback from the parents has been the highlight of past conferences. While the emphasis this year is on families currently involved in a palliative care program, all parents who have had a child in palliative care are warmly invited to join the dialog.

Senator Curtis Hertel, Jr

Healthcare legislation has become a topic of concern for all of us. Senator Hertel, Vice-Chair of the Michigan Senate Health Policy Committee and Minority Whip, has actively promoted funding and legislation for children's healthcare.

Continuing Education

Like last year, six continuing education credits (C.E.s) will be available for nursing and social work practitioners.

Registration

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Members (Professional/Associate) - \$65

Non-Members - \$125

Parents

Parent Members - \$15

Parent Non-Members - \$40

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