Today, Nebraska hospice providers care for twice as many people than in 2002 and nearly half of all deaths in Nebraska. As hospice providers’ needs changed over this time, the Nebraska Hospice and Palliative Care Association adapted to meet those needs. We’ve sharpened our focus on why we’re here – to advocate for, educate, and support members – while, at the same time, widened our lens in how much we’re able to keep an eye on for members.

Members are seeing positive results from NHPCA’s efforts to cultivate relationships with decision-makers at the state and national level. NHPCA is known at legislative, reimbursement and regulatory tables.

Efforts to increase the public’s awareness of the benefits of hospice through NHPCA’s one-of-a-kind “Hospice Lets Me Be…” Campaign are being felt by providers. In fact, other state hospice associations are now seeking to utilize the campaign’s tools to impact hospice use in their states. We are delighted by this ripple effect of the campaign, because we know it means more people will die well.

It is without a doubt that this work, and this impact, would not be happening without the collective effort of a strong membership. Thank you for being a part of this movement!
In Washington, D.C., U.S. Sen. Deb Fischer (far right) meets with NHPCA Chair Gary George, member Suzy Solano of Prairie Haven Hospice Scottsbluff, and Vice President of Hospice and Palliative Care Jennifer Eurek.

In Washington, D.C., U.S. Sen. Mike Johanns speaks with NHPCA Vice President of Hospice and Palliative Care Jennifer Eurek about issues impacting the hospice community.

In partnership with the Nebraska Medical Association, Nebraska Hospital Association, and Nebraska Pharmacist Association, NHPCA participated in a state legislative candidate forum.

In 2014, NHPCA monitored and acted on the following on behalf of Nebraska’s hospice providers: Health Care Freedom of Conscience Act, Medicaid managed care, Physicians Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) and out-of-hospital do-not-resuscitate protocols, and the State’s Aging Nebraskans Task Force.

On June 17, 2014, NHPCA met with members of U.S. Congress to ask for assistance in temporarily suspending policies that were preventing hospice patients from getting access to necessary medications at the end of life. As a result of the hospice community’s advocacy efforts, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services revised their guidance on July 18 to lessen the burden on hospice patients and families. NHPCA also monitored legislation related to the end of life, pain and chronic illness, and provided member organizations with details on how to act on issues.

In partnership with the Department of Veteran Affairs, NHPCA led the Nebraska Hospice-Veteran Partnership to ensure Nebraska’s veterans near the end of life receive the best care possible. NHPCA held four Nebraska Hospice-Veteran Partnership meetings in 2014.

Nearly 80 percent of Nebraska hospices also participated in the We Honor Veterans national campaign, which is designed to empower hospice professionals to meet the unique needs of dying veterans.

**Revenue $231,452**

- Professional Education 31%
- Contributions, Events 25%
- Membership Dues 35%
- Other 5%

**Expenses $207,278**

- Fundraising 5%
- Management and General 18%
- Programs Services 77%
EDUCATE.

NHPCA conducted five workshops at nine locations throughout Nebraska with 114 participants. The programs provided education and training to hospice, nursing facility, hospital, and other health care professionals on issues such as pain management, regulations, reimbursement, and quality improvement. On April 15-16, 2014, NHPCA held a two-day conference for nearly 300 professionals who care for patients and families with chronic or terminal illnesses.

In 2014, NHPCA awarded two scholarships for the Hospice and Palliative Nurse Certification Exam preparatory class. The class is designed to help participants prepare for the National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Care Nurses certification exam. NHPCA also established a scholarship fund in memory of Galen Miller, late Executive Vice President of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization and Nebraska native. The fund will provide six scholarships annually for NHPCA’s “Living a Good Life...at the End of Life” Conference.

SUPPORT.

The Nebraska Hospice and Palliative Care Association recognized end-of-life professionals at the awards banquet of the 2014 “Living a Good Life...at the End of Life” Conference in Lincoln. In addition to the awards below, more than 30 Outstanding Hospice Volunteer Awards were presented.

NHPCA provided educational hospice resources for patients and families through the “Hospice lets me be...” outreach campaign. The campaign focuses on real-life stories to promote hospice benefits, awareness and connect people with resources. NHPCA distributed educational worksheets, videos, stories, and other outreach materials to member hospices across the state.

Gov. Dave Heineman proclaimed November 2014 as Hospice Month in Nebraska. Pictured are (from left to right) Jennifer Eurek, NHPCA Vice President of Hospice and Palliative Care; Nick Faustman, Nebraska Health Care Association Vice President of Government Affairs; Gov. Heineman; Diane Randolph, Director of Methodist Home Health and Hospice in Omaha and member of NHPCA’s Board of Directors; and Denise Schroeder of CHI Health in Lincoln.
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