Heath G. Boddy, President and CEO

Stephen Covey said, “Find your voice and inspire others to find theirs.” This statement fits well with the vision adopted at the Association: Inspire Others to Shape Their World.

While we, as individuals and as a united association, can’t control the actions of others, there are things we can do to help shape outcomes. We can inspire them.

For example, we don’t get to write regulations that guide our work. However, we can develop relationships that help the people who write them truly understand our profession. We don’t get to enter the dollar figures that determine what we’re paid to provide care, but we can provide solid data and impactful stories that paint a picture of why these numbers matter. We don’t decide when a patient is referred to hospice, but we can influence this decision through quality improvement and engagement.

In 2016, NHPCA helped members from across the state navigate these opportunities to inspire through advocacy, education, tools, and resources. It is an honor and privilege to serve you each day.
advocate.

While in Washington, D.C., for the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization’s 2016 Advocacy Intensive, NHPCA members and staff met with Nebraska’s members of Congress. Delegates called on Congress to support the Rural Access to Hospice Act, which addressed barriers restricting patients’ primary care physicians from becoming their attending physician during hospice.

Nebraskans participated in NHPCO’s Advocacy Intensive in Washington, D.C. Pictured are NHPCA Chair Gary George, Mandy Miller of HoriSun Hospice in Lincoln, former NHPCO Chair Linda Rock of Scottsbluff, NHPCA Vice President of Hospice and Palliative Care Jennifer Eurek, and NHPCA President and CEO Heath Boddy.

At the state level, NHPCA kept members informed of regulatory and reimbursement issues affecting them. These included payment changes based on service intensity, new quality measures, emergency preparedness, and proposed Medicaid rate cuts. When Medicaid hospice regulations were being rewritten, NHPCA testified and submitted comments at the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services hearing.

There were grassroots efforts related to Provider Order for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) in Nebraska last year. POLST addresses the legal and health care communities’ use of different or conflicting advance directive forms. Lisa Weber of Hospice of Columbus, NHPCA’s Jennifer Eurek, and NHPCA legal counsel were invited to participate on the State Bar Association’s POLST study group. Lisa and Jennifer also attended a national POLST conference.

NHPCA monitored several Nebraska legislative bills, including those related to palliative care education to consumers, aid in dying, and perinatal hospice care.

NHPCA Chair Gary George of Hospice House in Omaha and NHPCA President and CEO Heath Boddy at the office of U.S. Senator Ben Sasse in Washington, D.C.

NHPCA Vice President of Hospice and Palliative Care Jennifer Eurek and Mandy Miller of HoriSun Hospice visit the office of U.S. Senator Deb Fischer in Washington, D.C.

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NHPCA conducted 13 workshops at eight locations throughout Nebraska for hospice and palliative care professionals. Three of these education opportunities were web-based. Topics included advocacy, legal issues, emergency preparedness, veterans, and regulations. In addition, conference calls were held for social workers, chaplains, and volunteer coordinators three times in 2016.

In April, NHPCA held its annual, two-day “Living a Good Life... at the End of Life” Conference for 244 professionals who care for patients and families with chronic or terminal illness. Nationally known speakers included Judi Lund Person, Vice President of Regulatory and Compliance for the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, and author, speaker, and educator Barbara Karnes.

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Six members received scholarships to attend NHPCA’s 2016 “Living a Good Life...at the End of Life” Conference: Nancy Gabelman, Angela McCary, Jenni Smith, and Susan Rippe of AseraCare Hospice; and Angela Greter and Rev. Jesse Winn II of Fremont Health Hospice. The scholarships are funded by the Galen Miller Memorial Education Fund and proceeds from the conference raffle.

The Nebraska Hospice-Veteran Partnership, a collaboration with the Department of Veteran Affairs, works to ensure Nebraska’s veterans near the end of life receive the best care possible. NHPCA held three Nebraska Hospice-Veteran Partnership meetings in 2016. Eighty 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. Hospice agencies across the state recognized dying veterans through special pinning recognition. Last year, more than 500 pins were obtained through the Hospice-Veteran Partnership for use in these poignant ceremonies.

The recipients of the Nebraska Hospice and Palliative Care Association annual awards were recognized at the 2016 “Living a Good Life...at the End of Life” Conference in Lincoln. In addition to the awards below, 23 Outstanding Hospice Volunteer Awards were presented to individuals from across the state for their exemplary service.

The 2016 Spirit of Hospice Award was presented to Angela Greter of Fremont Health Hospice for her outstanding commitment and dedication to the hospice philosophy of care.

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NHPCA provided educational hospice resources for patients and families through the “Hospice lets me be...” outreach campaign. The campaign focuses on real-life stories, such as “Margaret’s Story,” 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.

Lieutenant Governor Mike Foley proclaimed November 2016 as Hospice Month in Nebraska.

“Living a Good Life... at the End of Life”
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