

Agenda

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summit
quality in action 

****This agenda is being finalized and may be subject to change****

MONDAY, APRIL 27

- 7:00-4:00 PM Pre-Summit Field Trips: *Sponsored by Naveon*
- 1:00-6:00 PM Main Registration: *Sponsored by Fuze Care Services*
- 1:00-2:30 PM Board Meeting: *Sponsored by Hospi Corporation*
- 3:00-4:30 PM Innovation Roundtable
- 6:00-7:30 PM Welcome Reception at the *Shedd Aquarium*: *Sponsored by WellSky*

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

- 7:15 AM Registration
- 7:30 AM Continental Breakfast: *Sponsored by Advanced RevCycle*
- 8:00 AM **Summit Kickoff**
- Diana Franchitto, President and CEO, HopeHealth, Board Chair, NPHI
 - Mary Kay Sheehan, CEO, Lightways Hospice and Serious Illness Care
 - Tom Koutsoumpas, Founder & CEO, NPHI
 - Carole Fisher, President, NPHI
- 8:10 AM **Quality in Action**
- Tom Koutsoumpas, Founder & CEO, NPHI
 - Carole Fisher, President, NPHI
- 8:30 AM **Keynote: *Sponsored by Dragonfly Health: Title TBA***
- Dr. John Whyte, CEO, American Medical Association
- 9:15 AM **Spark Rounds: *Dementia Care: Sponsored by IntusCare***
- AuthoraCare – *Title of presentation*
 - Hospice of the Valley – *Title of presentation*
 - The Connecticut Hospice – *Title of presentation*
- 9:30 AM **Presentation of the *NPHI Healthcare in Action Innovation Award***
- **Accepted by:** Ab Brody, PhD, Assistant Dean for Transformational Excellence in Aging, NYU Meyers College of Nursing
 - **Keynote:** *The Courage to Evolve: Why Innovation is the New Standard for Excellence in Serious Illness Care*
- 10:00 AM **Networking Break: *Sponsored by National HME***

- 10:30 AM** **Panel Session: *Driving Quality and Consistency: NPHI Advanced Pediatric Care Patient & Caregiver Guide***
- Allison Kuchar, VP, Pediatric Services, Chapters Health System & Executive Director, Capital Caring Kids, Capital Caring Health
 - Elizabeth Rocha, AVP, Pediatrics and Nursing Practice, NorthStar Care Community, and Anchors Programs for Children
- Moderated by:** Cameron Muir, MD, Chief Medical & Innovation Officer, NPHI
- 11:15 AM** **Plenary Session: *Care Management Update – An Interdisciplinary Endeavor***
- Dr. Ellen Fink-Samnack, Principal, EFS Supervision Strategies, LLC
- Introduction:** Robin Shultz, VP for Member Programs and Engagement, NPHI
- 11:45-1:15 PM** **Lunch**
- 1:15 PM** **Keynote: *Reducing the Final Inequity: Improving Access to Palliative and End-of-Life Care for All***
Sponsored by OnePoint Patient Care
- Richard Harding, PhD, Executive Dean, Faculty of Nursing, Midwifery & Palliative Care at King's College London
- 2:00 PM** **Transition to Breakout Sessions**
- 2:15-3:30 PM** **Breakout Sessions: *Sponsored by Axxess***
- 1. *Hospice Regulatory Audit Insights***
 - Howard Young, Partner, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, LLP
 - 2. *From Global Engagement to Local Impact***
 - Lacey Ahern, Executive Director, Global Partners in Care
 - Jim Cleary, MD, Oncology and Hospice/Palliative Medicine
 - Richard Harding, PhD, Executive Dean, Faculty of Nursing, Midwifery & Palliative Care at King's College London
 - John Mastrojohn III, CEO, Global Partners in Care
 - Lydia Thomas, Program Manager, Global Partners in Care
 - 3. *Showcase!* (3 short, focused segments highlighting ideas, tools, and innovations relevant to members)**
 - ***Getting Comfortable Being Uncomfortable: Living our Mission Through Integrations***
 - Kent Anderson, CEO, Ohio's Hospice
 - Patrick Miller, President & CEO, NorthStar Care Community
 - ***The Silent Financial Drain: Rethinking DME's Impact on Hospice Margins***
 - Hall Thorp, Co-Founder & Chief Strategy Officer, Qualis
 - ***Defensible Documentation in the Age of AI***
 - Michelle Barlow, Director of Clinical & Regulatory Excellence, Homecare Homebase
 - 4. *Leading Practices in Governance for Today's Hospice Boards: Empowering Boards to Increase Engagement and Drive Productivity***
 - Steve Smith, CEO, Association Management Center (AMC)
 - 5. *Enhanced Oncology Model and What it Means for You***
 - Peter Benjamin, Strategic Advisor, NPHI
 - 6. *Home Based Primary Care: An Essential Element for Success in Value-Based Care***
 - Hank Ross, Board President, C6, American Academy of Home Care Medicine (AAHCM)
 - Kristofer Smith, MD, President and Chief Medical Officer, Ruby Health
- 3:30 PM** **Break: *Sponsored by Hanover Healthcare Practice***
- 3:45-5:00 PM** **Breakout Sessions**
- 7. *Hospice Regulatory Audit Insights***

- Howard Young, Partner, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, LLP

8. GIP Best Practices

- Ed Martin, MD, Chief Medical Officer, HopeHealth

Facilitated by: Cameron Muir, MD, Chief Medical and Innovation Officer, NPHI

9. Innovative Strategies in Education: Gamification, AI, and Learner Engagement

- Donna Fahey, Director of the Boccolini Institute, Samaritan

10. Unique Perspectives of Rural Providers

- Kim Golanski, Chief Engagement Officer, Blue Ridge Care
- Michaela Vandersee, CEO, Cedar Valley Hospice
- Tasha Walsh, CEO, ConnectionsPlus Healthcare + Hospice
- Christa Walz, Executive Director, Adoray Home Health and Hospice

Moderated by: Kilty Brown, Executive Director, Central Wyoming Hospice and Transitions

11. Make Your Message Matter: Value Statements and the Public Experience of Your Organization

- Emily Muse, Chief Experience Officer, American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Care Medicine (AAHPM)

12. Creating Sustainability: Leveraging Hospice to Support Horizontal Growth

- Patrick Miller, President & CEO, NorthStar Care Community
- Iria Nishimura, CEO, Willamette Vital Health
- Lynne Sexten, President & CEO, Agrace

5:30-6:30 PM

Chief Medical Officers & Medical Leaders Gathering: Sponsored by Home Care 100

6:00-7:30 PM

Chief Financial Officers Gathering: Sponsored by Husch Blackwell

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

7:45 AM

Continental Breakfast: Sponsored by DeliverCareRx Pharmacy

8:30 AM

Day 2 Kickoff: Opening Announcements

- Tom Koutsoumpas and Carole Fisher

8:45 AM

Keynote: Title TBA

- Senior CMS Leader TBA

9:15 AM

Spark Rounds: Service Line Diversification: Sponsored by ArcHouse

- Bluegrass Care Navigators – Title of presentation
- Gilchrist – Title of presentation
- TRU Community Care – Title of presentation

9:30 AM

Panel Session: Service Line Diversification (Title TBA)

- Jessica Hubbs, MD, Chief Clinical Officer, Advanced Care Innovations
- Second panelist TBA

Moderated by: Ray Quintero, Senior Strategic Advisor, NPHI

10:15 AM

Networking Break

10:45 AM

Keynote: Title TBA

- Government Official TBA

- 11:15 AM** **Panel and Discussion: Articulating Value Using the Quality Dashboard**
- Cameron Muir, MD, Chief Medical and Innovation Officer, NPHI
- 11:45-1:00 PM** **Lunch & Networking for Collaboratives: *Sponsored by Glossary Health Solutions***
CEO Working Lunch: *Sponsored by Teleios Collaborative Network*
- 1:00 PM** **Plenary Session: *Inside NPHI's Policy Agenda: Key Developments and Strategic Opportunities***
- Quin Lyons, Policy Analyst, NPHI
 - Ethan McChesney, Senior Policy Director, NPHI
- 2:00 PM** **Panel Session: Program Integrity Developments & NPHI Resources**
- CPI Deputy Director – Jeneen Iwugo
 - California Listening Session attendees
- Moderated by:** Ethan McChesney, NPHI, Senior Policy Director
- 2:30 PM** **Keynote: *Yes, And: Improvisation as a Superpower***
- 3:00 PM** **Plenary Session: A Song for You**
- Emily Cavanagh, Singer, Songwriter, Founder, A Song for You
- Introduction by:** Deb Shumway, Executive Director, Hospice of the Valley
- 3:30 PM** ***Reflections on Quality in Action***
- Tom Koutsoumpas and Carole Fisher
- 3:30 PM** **Main Summit Closing**
- 3:15-4:00 PM** **Clinical & Operational Leaders Collaborative Gathering: *Sponsored by SMARTMD***
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SUMMIT CELEBRATION
WEDNESDAY EVENING: 5:30-9:00 PM
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Summit Celebration

AN EVENING DEDICATED TO YOU

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29TH

Cocktail Hour & Red-Carpet Photos

Cocktail hour sponsored by Concergix

5:30-6:30 PM

Dinner & Awards

Dinner sponsored by HospiceMD

Bar sponsored by BetterRX

Tablescape sponsored by IntellaTriage

Entertainment by *The Second City*

Entertainment sponsored by KanTime

6:30-8:30 PM

Conversation, Cocktails & Music

8:30 PM

Executive Partners



An additional fee of \$85 for the *Summit Celebration* covers the **cost of dinner**.
All other expenses for this event are paid for by sponsor support and NPHI.

