

The Future of End-of-Life Care

Celebrating the Past

Understanding the Present

Planning for the Future

October 22-23, 2002, Hyatt Regency, Wichita, KS
Presented by the Kansas LIFE Project

Tentative Agenda Day 2

October 23

8:30 Continental Breakfast

9:00 Opening Comments

9:15 ~~~ *Consumer Issues: How Do Communities Create Change?*

Mary Labyak, MSSW, LCSW

Growing numbers of consumers are reclaiming the right and responsibility of understanding and exercising their choices for the care they receive as they near the end of life. No longer content to allow others to order care that may or may not meet their own goals and hopes, consumers are seeking information, education, and involvement in the health care that they receive.

Objectives:

- Discuss the consumer revolution/movement to improve end-of-life care
- Offer tools for creating a community call to action
- Provide ideas for development of a public engagement strategy

10:30 Break

10:45 ~~~ *Beyond Breaking Bad News: Conversations At the End of Life*

Dan Tobin, MD

The conversations and insights that come as persons near the end of life provide opportunity for growth and meaning. This session will explore key ideas for the importance and ways of being available for such conversations and helping to create ground where issues of fundamental importance and value are addressed. This session will focus on the importance of conversations in advanced illness and end of life.

Objectives:

- Review the history of modern conversations at the end of life
- Discuss barriers to these conversations
- List components of successful end of life discussions
- Review the juxtaposition of psychology and medicine in the dying process

12:00 Closing Comments