



# SWHPN ANNUAL FORUM AGENDA

April 28th & 29th, 2025

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

## Monday, April 28th

- 7:30AM - 8:00AM **Registration**
- 8:00AM - 8:30AM **Welcome Plenary - SWHPN Annual Forum Opening and Somatic Experience** | Theater  
*Shanae M. Bezusko, LICSW, APHSW-C Theater*
- 8:35AM - 9:35AM **Keynote: End of Life Care for People from Different Backgrounds: Stories to Illustrate Good and Not-So-Good Care** | Theater  
*Mary Owen, MD*
- 9:45AM - 10:45AM **Breakout Session #1**
- The Dignity of Risk: Taking Professional Leaps into the Spider Web** | Location TBD  
*Christine Beamon, LCSW, CCM, APHSW-C, Victoria Leff, MSW, LCSW, APHSW-C, and Theresa A. Altilio, LCSW, APHSW-C, ACSW*
  - Cultivating Prognostic Awareness: Top of the License Practice or Not in Our Job Description?** | Location TBD  
*Arden ODonnell, PhD, MPH, LICSW, APHSW-C, Rennie Bimman, MSW, LICSW, APHSW-C*
  - Staying in Our Lane: Navigating Healthy Boundaries in Palliative Care** | Location TBD  
*Staci Hallanzini, LCSW, APHSW-C; Jen Hopping, LCSW*
  - So You're Thinking about Pursuing an Academic or Research Path in Palliative Care? Let's Talk About It!** | Location TBD  
*Carina Oltmann, LCSW, MSSW, Stephanie P. Wladkowski, PhD, LMSW, APHSW-C, Anne Kelemen, LICSW, APHSW-C, SEP, Stacy Remke, MSW, LICSW, APHSW-C, FNAP*
- 10:55AM - 11:55AM **Breakout Session #2**
- Grief, Loss and Trauma: Rapid Assessment and Brief Interventions In Serious Illness** | Location TBD  
*Abigail Nathanson, DSW, LCSW (NY), APHSW-C, ACS*
  - Advance Care Planning and End-of-Life Preferences of Chinese and Korean American Older Adults** | Location TBD  
*Cathy Berkman PhD, MSW, Xiaofang Liu, PhD, Eunjeong Ko, PhD*
  - Lived Experiences and Secondary Trauma of Rural Hospice Social Workers During the COVID-19 Pandemic** | Location TBD  
*Jessica Curd, PhD; Barbara Pierce, PhD*
  - The Intersection of Adaptive Leadership and Palliative Social Work: An Innovative Laboratory for Change** | Location TBD  
*Susan Gerbino, PhD, LCSW, Jocelyn Walls, LCSW*
- 11:55AM - 1:00PM **Lunch and Posters**
- 1:00PM - 2:30PM **Symposium Topics:**
- VSED Advance Directives for Dementia: Are They Legal and Implementable? Is There a Middle Ground?** | Theater  
*Thaddeus Mason Pope, JD, PhD, Meredith Levine, LMSW, APHSW-C, Mercedes Bern-Klug, PhD, MSW*
  - What is Our Lane? A Pediatric Palliative Care Workshop To Continue Defining Scope of Practice** | Location TBD  
*Allie Shukraft, MSW, MAT, APHSW-C, Arika Moore Patneau, MHP, LICSW, EMMHS, APHSW-C, Nick Purol, MSW, LICSW, Stacy S. Remke, MSW, LICSW, APHSW-C*
- 2:30PM - 2:40PM **Break**
- 2:40PM - 3:45PM **Breakout Session #3**
- Navigating Grief & Loss | Navigating Loss: Empowering Grief Support for the Johns Hopkins Bayview Community | Ambiguous Loss: Understanding the Implications for Hospice and Palliative Care Practice** | Location TBD  
*Rebecca LaFleur, MS Palliative Care, MSW, LCSW-C, APHSW-C, Stacy S. Remke, MSW, LICSW, APHSW-C*
  - Optimizing Continuum of Care: Delivering the Right Care at the Right Time | An Explicit Live Discharge Protocol (LDP) to Support Patients, Caregivers, and Hospice Clinicians | Not Every PATH Leads to Hospice: Advancing Palliative Care Access Through Transitional Team** | Location TBD  
*Stephanie P. Wladkowski, PhD, LMSW, APHSW-C, Susan Enguidanos, PhD, MPH; Tracy A. Schroepfer, PhD, MSW, MA, Meghan Murphy, LCSW*
  - Therapeutic Interventions to Facilitate Legacy with Children and Families at End of Life | Fostering Connection in Serious Illness: How Build-A-Bears Bring Dignity Therapy and Legacy Work to the Bedside. | Improving Pediatric EOL Legacy Building at Home: A Pilot Program Reflection** | Location TBD  
*Stephanie Clark, MSW, LCSW, Alisha McGuire, MSW, LCSW, APHSW-C*
  - Promoting Equity and Inclusion in Practice | Equitable Access to Palliative Care - CRT as a Rubric for Effective Clinical Interventions | Honoring Voices: Practical and Ethical Considerations Related to the Inclusion of Persons with Limited Capacity in Goals of Care Conversations** | Location TBD  
*Shanae M. Bezusko, LICSW, APHSW-C, Jamie Newell, MSW, LCSW*
- 3:55PM - 4:55PM **Closing Session: Seeing Beyond the Surface: Enhancing Clinician's Understanding of Patient and Family Experiences in Sustained Uncertainty** | Theater  
*Dannell Shu, Family Advocate, MWS*

## Tuesday, April 29th

7:30AM – 8:30AM	<b>Registration</b>
8:30AM – 8:45AM	<b>Welcome Plenary – Board and Committee Welcome</b>   Location TBD <i>Chris Onderdonk, MSW, LCSW, APHSW-C</i>
8:50AM – 9:50AM	<b>Keynote: Inclusive Care: Special Considerations for LGBTQ+ Patients Within the Medical System and at End of Life</b>   Theater <i>Rajean P. Moone, PhD, LNHA, LALD, FGSA, Kade Goepferd, MD</i>
10:00AM – 11:00AM	<b>Breakout Session #4</b>  <b>When Pregnancy Gets Complicated: Supporting Families as they Navigate Pregnancy with an Uncertain Outcome</b>   Location TBD <i>Abigail Gellene-Beaudoin, MSW, LCSW, RPT, PMH-C, APHSW-C</i>  <b>Getting to Know and Caring for the Latinx Community</b>   Location TBD <i>Yesica Sanchez, LCSW, APHSW-C</i>  <b>Disability, Dignity, and Risk of Death: Who Decides?</b>   Location TBD <i>Lori Eckel, LCSW, APHSW-C, HEC-C, Celeste Weber, RN, BSN, HEC-C</i>  <b>Palliative Social Work: Have We Compromised Our Role on the Team?</b>   Location TBD <i>Theresa A. Altilio, LCSW, APHSW-C, ACSW, Victoria Leff MSW, LCSW, APHSW-C, Esther Hope Ammon, MSW, LCSW, APHSW-C</i>
11:10AM – 12:10PM	<b>Breakout Session #5</b>  <b>The Coalition for Social Work and Health: Leading Change, Amplifying Impact</b>   Location TBD <i>Shirley Otis-Green, MSW, MA, ACSW, LCSW, OSW-CE, FNAP, FAOSW</i>  <b>Medical Aid in Dying: Developing Communication Strategies, Staff Support Systems and Patient-Centered Care in Hospice Agencies</b>   Location TBD <i>Kathryn Davis, MSW, LICSW, APHSW-C, Anna Schmidt, MSW, LICSW, APHSW-C; Rebecca Hudson, MA</i>  <b>Navigating Ethical Challenges in Palliative Care for Patients with Substance Use Histories and LVAD Decision-Making</b>   Location TBD <i>Lauren King, LMSW, APHSW-C, Benjamin Thompson, MD, FAAFP, FASAM</i>  <b>Identity Formation and Re-Formation for Throughout the Profession</b>   Location TBD <i>Allie Shukraft, MSW, MAT, APHSW-C</i>
12:10PM – 1:10PM	<b>Lunch</b>   Location TBD
1:10PM – 2:25PM	<b>Breakout Session #6</b>  <b>Beyond the Bedside: Opportunities for Social Worker Growth in Leadership &amp; Private Practice   Living Our Values: Advocacy and Growth in Leadership on a Hospice Board of Directors   From Outpatient Palliative Care and Beyond! Utilizing Palliative Care Social Work Skills in Private Practice</b>   Location TBD <i>Kimberly E. Giamportone, PhD, LMSW, Bonnie Herrmann, MSSW, LCSW, ACHP-SW</i>  <b>Exploring the Power of Language in Caring for Pediatric Palliative Care Patients and Families   Listening Beyond the Words: Finding Creative Ways to Join and Support Families with Two or More Children with a Serious Medical Condition   The Power of Language Concordant Care with Spanish-Speaking Pediatric Patients: Equality and Justice for All at End of Life</b>   Location TBD <i>Viany Mendez (MSW), Jennifer Greenman, MSW, LCSW, APHSW-C, Sandra Aziz, MD</i>  <b>The Loneliness Epidemic &amp; Hospice: Understanding the Issue and Developing Interventions from Intake to Bereavement</b>   Location TBD <i>Lauren Gil Hayes, LCSW, LISW</i>  <b>Training the Next Generation: Analyzing the Role of Palliative Care Social Work in Hospice and Palliative Medicine Fellowship Education</b>   Location TBD <i>Lauren LaTourette, LCSW, APHSW-C, Kate Williams, MS, Lauren King, LMSW, APHSW-C</i>
2:25PM – 2:35PM	<b>Break</b>
2:35PM – 3:40PM	<b>Closing Session: Schwartz Rounds: Facing Uncertainty in the SocioPolitical Climate</b>   Location TBD <i>Lori Eckel, LCSW, APHSW-C, HEC-C, Amy Drangines MSW, LCSW, Chelsea Jeffers, LMSW</i>