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The HAP Foundation Hosts Inaugural Serious Illness Symposium

In partnership with the Illinois Hospice and Palliative Care Organization

The HAP Foundation in partnership with the Illinois Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (IL-HPCO) hosted its inaugural Symposium of Serious Illness Care on October 16-17 in Naperville, Illinois. The two-day educational event was designed specifically for providers, clinicians, leaders, and advocates who work within the field of serious illness care.

“At HAP, we acknowledge that the field of hospice, palliative care, and serious illness is changing,” said Joseph Matty, President of The HAP Foundation. “As health care leaders, we are adapting to the change we are experiencing. It is our goal that attendees of the Symposium of Serious Illness Care gained new information to guide them on how to better care for patients on their serious illness journey while understanding that they are not alone. At The HAP Foundation, there is potential for collaboration, whether it’s workforce development, advocacy, or education. We are here to partner with you to make a difference in the community.”

During the first day of the symposium, five of the top palliative care physicians in the region participated in a panel to discuss emerging trends in serious illness care. Some of the topics discussed included trends or changes in workforce development, home centered care, compliance and payment models, and care for the pediatric and geriatric populations.

The second day featured national thought leaders and industry experts as they hosted keynotes and breakout sessions throughout the day. A wide variety of topics were presented in regard to serious illness care, including the role and importance of community health workers, ways healthcare workers can find more passion in their job roles, and discussions about specific illnesses, innovations, and techniques to assist healthcare workers within the continuum of serious illness care.

The HAP Foundation and IL-HPCO would like to thank the sponsors of the symposium: McKesson, AdvaCare Systems, and nVoq Speech Recognition Systems.

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About The HAP Foundation

The HAP Foundation is an independent nonprofit that provides education, advocacy, workforce development, and research on hospice, palliative care, and grief for all ages. With four decades rooted in direct patient care, it currently focuses on educating communities and professionals on hospice and palliative care; engaging in community-based research to better understand and impact disparities in hospice, palliative care, and grief support; and advancing policies that assist individuals and families during end of life. Also, The HAP Foundation offers association management and consulting services.

