



January 2020

Dear Kansas Hospice Provider,

As we face the new year, KHPCO thanks you for your membership and partnership in our common work of serving Kansans, and their families and loved ones, who are nearing the end of their lives. This determination to serve requires meeting many challenges and accepting continuing encounters with tasks that require imagination, commitment and action.

Being a part of KHPCO is one part of meeting these challenges. KHPCO Members meet each month and, together, continue our learning, sharing, and commitment to our shared mission of assuring quality care for Kansans nearing life's end. We also meet, face-to-face, each summer to network with each other and to get expert help in continuing our efforts.

We hope you and your hospice will continue to be involved in our common work in 2020. Some of KHPCO's continuing plans are noted below and we invite you to continue to join our partnership! We hope you will want to be an active part of all KHPCO activities in 2020. Please remember that *all* KHPCO members' staff members and/or volunteers are welcome to join our activities.

Plans for 2020 include:

- **Monthly Member Meetings, by phone.** We sometimes have special guests, and plan to have more of these in 2020. And there are always reports from KHPCO work group chairs. This is a great time for sharing with one another, networking, and identifying issues of importance for KHPCO members.
- **KHPCO Summer Meeting: This meeting has been set for August 12-13 in Salina.**
  - Our special guests for these meetings include Judi Lund Person, VP of Regulatory Affairs at NHPCO. ***Please mark your calendars!***
- **Public Policy, Regulatory and Legislative Action:** The KHPCO work group will keep members updated on issues of legislative and regulatory importance and will call for special action as needed.
- **Education:** In addition to the summer meeting, we sponsor webinars focused on key issues of great importance to hospices.

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- **Payor Issues:** We'll continue to follow, share and engage members in addressing issues with all payor sources. Monthly reports are given by our payor liaison, and we work together to best assure that hospice care is fairly reimbursed and adequately represented.
- **KHPCO Newsflash:** This KHPCO newsletter gives members an awareness of what is being said about hospice in popular media and professional journals. These items are not edited and do not necessarily express the opinions of KHPCO. Instead, they are provided to members so that KHPCO leaders know what is being said by and about hospices.
- **KHPCO Updates:** These periodic updates share the latest news of interest to KHPCO members.
- **KHPCO Member Directory and Website:** We will continue to maintain and develop our website and directory and welcome member input. ([www.khpc.org](http://www.khpc.org))

Attached is the KHPCO member application for 2020. Good news: **Our dues for KHPCO membership dues will remain the same they have been since 2010!** And all who join NHPCO receive a 5% discount! Please complete the member application and return along with your dues as soon as possible and by March 1, 2020. If you have questions, please email KHPCO at [info@khpc.org](mailto:info@khpc.org).

**We value your participation in KHPCO.** As we work together, dialogue on key issues, and advocate for Kansas citizens, we are better in serving Kansans nearing the end of life. Many issues confront hospice providers, and KHPCO members work together to address these issues. We hope you will join KHPCO! Either of us would be delighted to talk further with you and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Sandy Kuhlman  
Chair of Board