

Survivorship Palliative Care Task Force  
Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Action Plan

**Survivorship and Palliative Care Task Force**

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Vision: Improve Nevada cancer patients' and survivors' quality of life through increased awareness, education, and access to palliative care and survivorship resources and services, while also increasing knowledge of both survivorship and palliative care among health care professionals.

Objective: Identify opportunities to expand survivorship care and palliative care to cancer patients and survivors in Nevada.				
Leads	Key Activities	Due Date	Mtg. Date	Status on Activity
Kristen	Work with partners to identify best practice programs and resources for survivorship in Nevada.	Ongoing	9/1/2016	NCC working on series of 8 survivor focus groups across the state. Provided task force with outline of concept. Will provide draft discussion guide and more details prior to next meeting for partners to review. Groups tentatively scheduled for January/February 2017
			10/20/2016	Reviewed opportunity to add survivorship questions to BRFSS. Decided against this. Discussed plan for survivor focus groups and reviewed more developed project description.
			1/26/2017	Reviewed draft idea for a private/closed Facebook support community group for metastatic breast cancer patients. Group liked plan and NCC will look at pursuing this in the coming months as a pilot for northern Nevada since the request originated from that region. Will also look to ID funding support.
Kristen / Task Force	Identify tools and/or create tool to educate physicians and the community about benefits of palliative care.	Ongoing	9/1/2016	No update
			10/20/2016	Shared "Plan Your Conversation" cards from Patient revolution, palliative care tools for patients to have open and meaningful conversations with healthcare providers. MaryAnn Brown noted a caregivers roundtable to discuss challenges and opportunities. She'll report back.
			1/26/2017	NCC provided draft text for new coalition website that includes community and provider resources for palliative care, survivorship, and clinical trials. Requests task force partners to review and provide feedback.
Objective: Increase the number of survivorship care programs for adults				
Connection to Cancer Plan: Survivorship goals 4.3 and 4.4. Treatment goal 3.2 to increase education opportunities on palliative care.				
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	Identify partners and funding sources to expand Cancer: Thriving and Surviving (CTS) or other evidence-based survivorship program to rural communities.	Ongoing	9/1/2016	Recommended CTS program to partners in Elko to provide survivorship services and
			10/20/2016	Saint Mary's is wrapping up the pilot of their Empower Your Journey workshop series. It replaces A Time to Heal and is open to survivors of any cancers.
			1/26/2017	YMCA Southern Nevada offering "LIVESTRONG at the Y" evidence-based survivorship program. Elko Cancer Network & NE NV Radiation Oncology offering support groups and nutrition classes in Elko.

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<b>Objective: Increase the number of educational opportunities on survivorship and palliative care for adults at nursing and medical schools within the state and for PCPs and nurses.</b>				
Connection to Cancer Plan: Survivorship goal 4.2.				
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	Develop key areas of conversation and questions for survivorship care plan focus groups with primary care providers, oncologists and survivors.		9/1/2016	No movement on focus groups with providers. Working on groups for survivors first.
			10/20/2016	No update.
			1/26/2017	First survivor focus group hosted 1/25. 7 more scheduled for February and March. At this point no move to do an assessment of providers.
	Create partnerships with nursing schools within the state to advance concept of survivorship and palliative care within curricula.	Ongoing	9/1/2016	No update
			10/20/2016	Dr. Reed Dopf noted that he does a lot of outreach to other doctors about palliative care. Opportunity to build that effort to medical school training. Also opportunity to increase outreach to providers.
			1/26/2017	No update.
	Create partnerships with medical schools within the state to advance concept of survivorship and palliative care within curricula.	Ongoing	9/1/2016	Discussion in task force group about inclusion of palliative care learning opportunities in new UNR med school format.
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			1/26/2017	No update.