10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Concurrent Session 1E

*Health Effects of Bereavement*

*One and a half (1.5) hours for Social Work CEU has been approved for this session.*

Objectives-

- Review of the current data about the association of bereavement and health
- Explore the scientific evidence about how the two are linked
- Understand how this information may translate into interventions for the bereaved that we serve

Speaker Bios -

Kerrianne Page, MD, HMDC is Chief Medical Officer for Hospice, Palliative Care and Home Care Services and Senior Vice President of Clinical Effectiveness for Catholic Health Services of Long Island. Dr. Page has 18 years of experience as a medical director and clinician with expertise in enhancing the care of people dealing with a serious and life-limiting illness, including large populations of elderly patients. She is responsible for the medical component of Good Shepherd Hospice’s patient care program, Palliative Care Consultation Services in several CHS hospitals, and serves as Medical Director for Catholic Home Care, the health system’s certified home health agency.

For fifteen years, Dr. Page maintained a primary care general intern practice focused on the care of the elderly and served as an attending physician at Lawrence Hospital center, Bronxville, NY, where she founded the hospital’s Palliative Medicine Service. She also served as Medical director for Jansen Hospice and Palliative Care in Tuckahoe, NY for 11 years during this time. Dr. Page has substantial experience caring for geriatric patients in long term care facilities, working as a nursing home attending physician and palliative care consultant for over 10 years and serving as the Medical Director at Fort Tryon Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing in New York City for over 4 years. She has a long history of teaching in geriatrics and medicine – she served as the director of the Geriatric rotation for Internal Medicine PGY 1 trainees at Columbia University Medical Center from 1997-2006, and currently conducts training programs in hospice and palliative medicine for Stony Brook University Medical Center Internal Medicine and Geriatric fellows. She has also been a presenter at many grand rounds and regional conferences in the New York Metropolitan area. Dr. Page has received the HealthCare Chaplaincy Wholeness of Life Award, and is a member of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine and the American Medical Association.

After earning her medical degree from the New York University School of Medicine, Dr. Page completed her residency in Internal Medicine at Columbia University Medical Center, and was chosen to serve as Chief Resident in the Department of Medicine. Since 1997, she has been an assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine there, and continues to teach in the hospital’s training program in Internal Medicine. She is board certified in Internal Medicine, Hospice and Palliative care Medicine, and among the first group of physicians to attain Hospice Medical director Certification in 2014. She was a 2015 nominee for Catholic Health Services Parick J. Scollard Leadership Award. She resides in Westchester County, NY.
Maribeth McKeever, LCSW-R, BCD, ACHP-SW– New York State Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Board Certified Diplomat. Currently holds position as Director of Bereavement for Good Shepherd Hospice as well as Coordinator of Gabriel’s Courage Perinatal Support Program. Expertise in complex issues related to bereavement, loss, complicated grief and serious illness across the life span, including perinatally. Responsibilities include ongoing planning, development, coordination and evaluation of comprehensive bereavement pre-bereavement and bereavement programming for families, adults and children, including Gabriel’s Courage. Also functions as a staff educator in perinatal loss as a certified Coordinator for the Resolve Through Sharing Perinatal Bereavement Program. Work history includes 30 years of clinical social work experience in areas of end of life, bereavement and health crisis. In addition, has also maintained private practice specializing in grief and loss for the past 22 years. She is the 2017 winner of the Catholic Health Services Patrick J. Scollard Leadership Award.