



NATIONAL HEALTHCARE DECISIONS DAY

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Connecticut Kick Off Event!

A Provider Forum about Connecticut Healthcare Directives and Lecture and Discussion on Methods for Promoting Advance Health Care Planning in Connecticut's Organizations and Communities

March 29, 2010

9:00-12:00

Connecticut Hospital Association

110 Barnes Road

Wallingford, CT 06492

**08:30-09:00
09:00**

Registration

°Opening Remarks

°Assistant Attorney General Zenobia Graham-Days, JD, Office of the Attorney General: *"Encouraging people to initiate the dialogue"*.

°Video: *"Who Decides If You Can't - Planning Family Medical Decision Making"* - AARP

°Attorney Terry Berthelot, MSW, JD, Center for Medicare Advocacy: *"Death and Dying: It's a Family Affair"*. Atty. Berthelot designed, implemented, and then coordinated a Joint Commission Accredited hospice program in the state of Mississippi before attending law school. Currently a member of the National Council of Hospice and Palliative Professionals, the National Association of Social Workers, and the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA), Atty. Berthelot also serves on the Regulatory Committee for the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO).

**10:30-10:45
10:45**

Break and Refreshments

°Attorney Kate McEvoy, JD, Deputy Director of the Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut (AASCC): *"Advance Directives: Law and Practice"*. The legislative liaison for the Connecticut Association of Area Agencies on Aging (C4A), and C4A representative on the Steering Committee of the Connecticut Elder Action Network (CEAN) and the Connecticut Long Term Care Advisory Council, Atty. McEvoy also serves on the Executive Committee of the Elder Law Section of the CBA and as a Board member of the Connecticut Coalition to Improve End-of-Life Care.

**11:15-11:50
11:50-12:00**

°Community Planning Break Out

°Closing Remarks

At the completion of the program, attendees will:

- Describe applicable terms, forms and practice implications of Connecticut health care directives law enabling participants to counsel individuals who are engaged in health care planning.
- Describe the importance of family participation in advance health care planning
- Identify partners and resources within communities with whom to work promoting health care planning and activities as part of National Healthcare Decisions Day.

Continuing Education

Applications have been submitted for approval of **Social Work** continuing education credits (CEC's) through the NASW/CT and **Physician** continuing medical education credits (CME's) through the John D. Thompson Hospice Institute. Applications for credit will be available at the Forum for a fee of \$20. Certificates of attendance will be available for **Nurses**.

Registration

Seating is limited. To register, email or fax the following information to **SWCAA**, ldesrosiers@swcaa.org or fax to **203-696-3866** by **March 24th**.

Name: _____

Organization/Business: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone #: _____

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