

# Delaware Health Care Commission End-of-Life Workgroup

Update on Current Status of Transition

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# Recap: End-of-Life Workgroup

- Met from December 2015 through March 2016 to review information and best practices related to end-of-life and palliative care and identify key end-of-life care issues
- Developed a report with recommendations and options for promoting awareness of and access to palliative and end-of-life care and resources
- A key recommendation was to designate the DE End-of-Life Coalition with responsibility for coordinating all efforts related to palliative and end-of-life care in Delaware

# DEOLC Transition to DQOLC

The Delaware End-of-Life Coalition recently voted to change its name to the **Delaware Quality of Life Coalition**

- Intent is to take the focus off of strictly hospice care and be fully inclusive of palliative care
- Recognizes that both hospice and palliative care focus on the patient's quality of life rather than its end
- Full transition is currently in process
- Both HCC and DCHI will continue to be involved in the work of the DQOLC though board representation

# Strategic Planning

- At its annual meeting in December, the DQOLC will create a strategic plan for 2017 that will address items detailed in the workgroup recommendations
- A letter will be distributed to key constituents inviting participation in the DQOLC in 2017
- DQOLC invites suggestions of individuals to be engaged in support of its work

# DQOLC Spring Conference

- Conference will be held in the Spring in conjunction with the organization's annual Excellence Awards
- Collaborative effort with the DE Academy of Medicine
- Thought leaders from all care settings will be featured as speakers
- Conference design and speaker recruitment will also aim to engage potential Board members and volunteers