



Association of Oncology Social Work 23rd Annual Conference www.aosw.org



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Blazing the Trail: Leadership in Oncology Social Work May 2-4, 2007

Portland, Oregon ■ Hilton Portland & Executive Tower

Mission, Objectives & General Information

AOSW Mission

The Association of Oncology Social Work (AOSW) is a non-profit, international organization created in 1984 by social workers interested in oncology and by existing national cancer organizations. AOSW's mission is to advance excellence in the psychosocial care of persons with cancer, their families, and caregivers through networking, education, advocacy, research, and resource development. **For more information on AOSW, please visit our website at www.aosw.org.**

Conference Objectives:

- Advance leadership skills at all stages of professional development in oncology social work.
- Encourage clinician as researcher.
- Utilize quantitative and qualitative research findings to promote innovative and evidence-based clinical practice.
- Highlight models of integrative medicine that enhance a survivor's ability to cope with the psycho-social aspects of cancer.
- Identify resources and strategies oncology social workers can use to rejuvenate their practice and themselves, as they develop professionally.
- Promote innovative models for cancer survivors and their support systems, which will enhance quality of life throughout the balance of life.
- Enhance oncology social workers' understanding of spiritual, cultural, social, economic and lifestyle diversity in order to develop specialized interventions.
- Present strategies and models to enhance access to healthcare.
- Build partnerships with elected officials, academic centers, government bodies and industry.
- Use current technology to craft novel interventions to meet client need.
- Explore the strengths of our collective practice wisdom and its efficacy in oncology social work.

2007 Annual Meeting Theme

Blazing the Trail: Leadership in Oncology Social Work

The 23rd Annual AOSW conference will take place in Portland, Oregon, a city at the foothills of Mount Hood. As a result of Works Progress Administration (WPA) creating jobs for the unemployed, the Timberline Lodge was built and is a magnificent tribute to the ingenuity and fortitude of the builders, craftsmen and artists whose employment resulted from practical and compassionate legislation. As we look to the peak of Mount Hood, we are once again reminded of the many challenges facing our country today and their impact on cancer patients, their families, friends, partners, workplaces and communities. Central issues include access to health care, Medicare Part D, rising costs of treatment, growing complexity of oncology care, long term survivorship sequelae, the plight of new immigrants, increasing digital divide and health care disparities coupled with the persistent erosion of the New Deal safety net. Following in

the great social work tradition of Jane Addams, Ida Canon, Whitney Young, Frances Perkins and Harry Hopkins, oncology social workers are also pioneers in blazing a trail in leadership. Portland's setting will invite you to explore these realities and embrace our particular expertise and knowledge of ethics, diversity, social conditions, palliative and end-of-life care, evidence-based research, education and communication. We invite new oncology social workers and seasoned clinicians to explore these issues and experience rejuvenation, renewal and resilience as we develop new skills in order to rededicate ourselves to the field of oncology social work.

Conference Hotel Accommodations

A limited block of sleeping rooms has been reserved at the Hilton Portland & Executive Tower for \$148.00 plus tax for single or double occupancy through April 1, 2007. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space-and rate-available basis only. To ensure sleeping room availability, we strongly encourage you to reserve your room as soon as possible as we are expecting the block of rooms to sell out quickly. Please make sure to mention the Association of Oncology Social Work when you make your reservation to receive the reduced rate.

Reservations may also be made online at www.aosw.org

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Continuing Education

AOSW will apply for up to 21.5 hours of Continuing Education Units from NASW, Catholic University, and the state boards of CA (#946), FL, PA, MI, MN, and OH. Certificates of attendance will be available to conference participants at the conclusion of the conference, after completion of the conference evaluations. Sign-in sheets will be available at the CEU table each day. There are up to 5 hours of ethics available during the conference. The final number of CEU's approved will be available at the conference.

For Florida: In accordance with the criteria outlined in the Florida Statutes Chapter 491 and by the Florida Department of Health, Division of Medical Quality Assurance, CEUs are available to Florida Licensed Clinical Social Workers for licensure renewal through the Florida Society of Oncology Social Workers (FSOSW), Provider Tracking Number: 50-775, exp. 3-31-07. There is no fee for FSOSW members; other Florida nonmembers will need to pay \$5.00 per CEU or join the organization for \$25. The conference has applied for up to 22 contact hours for clinical social workers, marriage and family therapists, and mental health counselors depending on the actual sessions attended. Florida registrants may obtain an exact list of approved clinical and non-clinical sessions or more information by contacting Marcia DeSonier, LCSW, at 850-469-2224 or by email at mdesonian@bhcpns.org.

Special Events & Offerings

Oregon Health & Sciences University, Oregon Cancer Institute Welcome Forum

Tuesday, May 1, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

It's More than a Bad Hair Day: Adolescents and Young Adults Get Cancer, Too. *Brandon Hayes-Lattin, M.D.*, Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Oregon Health and Sciences University (OHSU) is the Director of their Adolescent & Young Adult Cancer Program and a member of the organizing committee of the Lance Armstrong Foundation's Young Adult Alliance. Cancer is the leading cause of death due to disease among those aged 20-39 with approximately 65,000 young adults in their 20's and 30's diagnosed with cancer every year. Dr. Hayes-Lattin will discuss the continuum of care for this group of survivors including access to care, clinical trials, and psycho-social issues. A Q&A period with a panel of survivors will follow.



Opening Keynote Address

Wednesday, May 2, 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

The Honorable John A. Kitzhaber, M.D. is a former emergency physician, legislator and two term Governor of the State of Oregon. He is the past President of the Oregon State Senate where he authored and implemented

the groundbreaking Oregon Health Plan. His legislative career, which began in 1979, was marked by active leadership in the areas of public education, community development, environmental stewardship and a wide variety of health care issues. Dr. Kitzhaber is the Director for the OHSU Center for Evidence-Based Policy and on January 13, 2006, he launched The Archimedes Movement.

Wellness Community Lunch

Wednesday, May 2, 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Happiness in a Storm: The Challenge of Healing the Person with Advanced Cancer *Wendy Harpham, M.D., FACP*, is a doctor of internal medicine, long-term cancer survivor, award winning author, and mother of three. She offers a dynamic point of view and evidence-based knowledge for helping people with cancer obtain quality care. Having coined the term "healthy survivor" while dealing with her own chronic lymphoma, Dr. Harpham will provide insight into helping cancer patients find happiness despite serious illness and, in certain cases, because of it. As a vocal advocate of oncology social workers, Dr. Harpham will entertain and inspire as we explore not only improving the lives of people affected by cancer but caring for ourselves as well.



American Cancer Society's Quality of Life Award

Thursday, May 3, 12:00 p.m. – 12:50 p.m.

On Suffering *Betty Ferrell, PhD, FAAN* has been in oncology nursing for 29 years and has focused her clinical expertise and research in pain management, quality of life,

and palliative care. Dr. Ferrell is a Research Scientist at the City of Hope National Medical Center. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing and she has over 280 publications in peer-reviewed journals and texts. She is the Principal Investigator of the End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC) project. She directs several other funded projects related to end-of-life care and QOL issues in cancer survivors. Dr. Ferrell is a member of the National Cancer Policy Forum and Chairperson of the National Consensus Project for Quality Palliative Care.

AOSW Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon

Thursday, May 3, 12:50 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

All conference participants are invited to attend and hear an overview of AOSW's major accomplishments and future initiatives. This is an ideal opportunity for members to join with friends and colleagues and experience the collective power of our efforts and expertise. Don't miss it!



National Marrow Donor Program Breakfast

Friday, May 4, 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

**Addressing Language and Culture Barriers:
Advocacy Opportunities for Oncology
Social Workers** *Michelle A. Scott*, a bilingual

– "plus" Registered Nurse, is President &

CEO of Voices For Health, Inc. in Grand Rapids, MI. Since founding the company in 1997, whose mission is "to improve access to healthcare, education and social services through comprehensive language and culture solutions," she has developed and taught medical and dental Spanish courses, continuing education programs to medical interpreters and presented cultural programs for healthcare providers. Ms. Scott is currently a PhD candidate in Sociology at Michigan State University where she previously earned Bachelors degrees in both Spanish and Nursing and a Masters degree in Sociology.



Legislative Session

Friday, May 4, 9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

The Economics of Access: What financial issues may affect your patients and what you can do about it? *Christian G. Downs* is the Executive Director of the Association of Community Cancer Centers (ACCC) in

Rockville, Maryland. Christian leads the association's nearly 750 institutional members on both policy and educational efforts and serves as the principal coordinator of political advocacy efforts for the organization. Before coming to ACCC, Christian worked in the Public Policy Department at ASCO and managed a large multi-specialty practice. Christian received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the George Washington University, his Masters in Health Administration from the Medical College of Virginia and his law degree from George Mason University.



Closing Keynote Address

Friday, May 4, 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**Blazing New Trails to Leadership in
Oncology Social Work: Transforming
Psychosocial Care in Oncology** *Katherine
Walsh, PhD, MSW* is a Professor at the
Springfield College School of Social Work in

Springfield MA and a former President of AOSW. An oncology social worker for 25 years, Dr. Walsh has been a senior social worker at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Director of Psychosocial Services at Hospice/VNA Alliance of Hampshire County and provides individual, group and family therapy in private practice. She is a co-author of the award winning Cancer Survival Toolbox. In 2000, Dr. Walsh received the Social Work Leadership Development Award from the Project on Death in America, the Social Work Leadership Award from AOSW and had her first textbook published in 2006.

Immediately following Dr. Walsh's presentation please join in a special evening of dancing and celebration featuring music, appetizers and a cash bar.

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Maybe you've heard that the city of Portland, Oregon has been proclaimed as North America's "Best Big City," according to Money magazine. One visit will explain why. Come get a first-hand look at our unmatched natural beauty, our bustling local scene, our sumptuous dining and welcoming accommodations — all effortlessly accessed thanks to our justly-famous light-rail system. Though it's not easy being green, it's exactly why so many visitors flock here, year-round. For more information visit www.travelportland.com.

Getting To Portland

For those who believe Oregon is still accessed primarily via the Oregon Trail, we'll merely remind you that we've elevated our thinking. Portland International Airport (PDX) is one of the fastest-growing major airports in the United States. To obtain more information about the Portland International Airport, please visit www.flypdx.com.

Amtrak train service is also available to Portland. To book reservations, please call 1-800 USARAIL or visit www.amtrak.com.

Getting Around Portland

On the TriMet bus system, which covers the city and its suburbs thoroughly, you'll find low fares, friendly drivers and full wheelchair accessibility. And since most buses are now equipped with bike racks, mass transit has become more user-friendly for the cycling set. Visit www.trimet.org for more information. TriMet's 44-mile MAX (Metropolitan Area Express) offers train-to-plane service, and door-to-door access to one of the richest collections of visitor attractions. A 10-minute ride from downtown will deliver you to Washington Park station, the deepest underground transit station in North America. The stop, 260-feet below the Earth's surface, provides nearby access to Washington Park, the Oregon Zoo, the World Forestry Center Discovery Museum, the Vietnam Veterans Living Memorial, Hoyt Arboretum and the Portland Children's Museum.



Conference Program

AOSW Conference-at-a-glance 2007

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Registration

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Oregon Health & Sciences University,
Oregon Cancer Institute Welcome Forum

Wednesday, May 2, 2007

7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Registration

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Continental Breakfast/Exhibits

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Exhibits Open

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Opening Keynote Address

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
Regional Meetings

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Wellness Community Lunch

1:45 p.m. – 4:35 p.m.
Papers & Workshop

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
First Time Attendee, New and International
Members Reception
Cancer Survivors Network Meeting

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Opening Reception, Exhibits, Posters

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7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
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Exhibits Open

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
ICC Facilitator Training (Part I)

8:00 a.m. – 11:50 p.m.
Papers & Workshops

12:00 p.m. – 12:50 p.m.
ACS Quality of Life Award

12:50 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
AOSW Annual Meeting

2:40 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.
Papers & Workshops

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
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ICC Facilitator Training (Part II)

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8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
National Marrow Donor
Program Breakfast

9:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Papers & Workshops

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Lunch on your own

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
SIG Meetings
SWORG Meeting

2:40 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Papers & Workshops

2:40 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
How to Train ICC Facilitators

6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Closing Keynote &
Friday Night Reception

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Regional Meetings

Region 1 – AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT,
NV, NM, OR, UT, WA, WY

Region 2 – IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO,
NE, ND, OH, OK, SD, WI

Region 3 – AL, AR, DC, FL, GA, KY, LA,
MD, MS, NC, SC, TN, TX, VA, WV

Region 4 – CT, DE, MA, ME, NH, NJ,
NY, PA, RI, VT

Region 5 – International

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Wellness Community Lunch
Happiness in a Storm: The Challenge
of Healing the Person with Advanced
Cancer,** *Wendy Harpham, M.D., FACP*

1:45 p.m. – 2:35 p.m.

Papers & Workshops

A1/B1/C1 New Oncology Social Worker,
*Pam Murph, LCSW, Ashley Varner,
MSW, LCSW-C, OSW-C*

A2 Who Provides Information
About Cancer Resources? What
Patients Say, What Health
Professionals Say, *Robert Tufel,
MSW, MPH, Melania Tucker,
BSW, (candidate for MSW),
Harriet Patterson, MPH*

A3 Blazing a New Trail for Sexuality Training? Assessing the Reliability and Validity of a Scale to Measure Oncology Social Workers' Knowledge, Comfort, Attitude and Approach of Sexuality, *Sage Bolte, MSW, LCSW, OSW-C*

A4 Complimentary Medicine and Patient Empowerment, *Michelle La Scala, MSW, LMSW, Gina Russo, LCSW*

A5/B5/C5 Bereavement Counseling: An Oncology Social Work Approach to Helping Grieving Adults, *Les Gallo-Silver, MSW, LCSW-R, ACSW, Sandra Tripodi, MSW, LCSW, ACSW, Richard Hara, PhD, MS, LCSW*

2:45 p.m. – 3:35 p.m.

B1/C1/A1 [Continued from A1]

B2/C2 Online Support Groups: High Tech AND High Touch for Oncology Social Work Practice, *Victoria Kennedy, LCSW, Mitch Golant, PhD*

B3 Cancer Care and the GLBT Community: Narrowing the Disparity Gap, *Annemarie Redelmeier, MBA, MSW, LCSW, Patti Aldredge, MSSW, LCSW*

B4/C4 Medicine and Compassion: Applying Buddhist Guidance for Oncology Social Workers, *Rylee O'Neill, LSW, William Hazle, MD, FASAM*

B5/C5/A5 [Continued from A5]

3:45 p.m. – 4:35 p.m.

C1/B1/A1 [Continued from B1 / A1]

C2/B2 [Continued from B2]

C3 From Diagnosis to Death: Communicating with Children During their Parents' Cancer Experience, *Jennifer Eckert, MSW*

C4/B4 [Continued from B4]

C5/B5/A5 [Continued from B5 / A5]

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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Continental Breakfast

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

D1 I Can Cope Facilitator Training, Part I, *Paula Plona, ACSW, OSW-C, Payson Center for Cancer Care, Concord, NH*

The American Cancer Society's I Can Cope (ICC) program is offered in cooperation with the Association of Oncology Social Work. Comprised of psycho-educational classes for adult cancer patients and caregivers, ICC helps increase cancer knowledge and improve coping skills. Classes are taught by content experts and facilitated by degreed health professionals such as social workers. This 2-part workshop provides training for new ICC facilitators. **Pre-registration and attendance at both sessions is required.** Contact Greta Greer at greta.greer@cancer.org.

8:00 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.

Papers & Workshops

D2 Virtual Ethics: The Responsibilities and Implications of Internet-based Psychosocial Oncology Research, *Greta Greer, MSW, Yvette Colon, MSW, ABD*

D3 "The Guided Portion of the Tour has Now Ended": Wellness Concerns and Needs of Breast Cancer Survivors Following the Conclusion of Treatment Protocols and Social Work Leadership Opportunities, *Katherine Walsh, PhD, MSW*

D4 "Are you a Veteran?" Why ask and what to do, *Karyn Berlin, LISW, Lisa Niewoehner, LISW*

D5/E5 Taking the Fear out of Research: Strategies and Resources for Enhancing Oncology Social Workers' Contribution to Research, *Jill Mitchell, PhD, MSW, Brad Zebrack, PhD, MSW, MPH*

9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.

E1 Oncology Social Workers as Innovators: Blazing a Novel Trail, *Carolyn Messner, DSW, MSW, LCSW-R, BCD*

E2 The Dance of Oncology Social Work Practice: Finding Resilience, Rejuvenation and Renewal, *Debra Mattison, MSW, LMSW, BCD, OCW-C*

E3 Legacy: The Giving of Self and Spirit at the End of Life, *Leanne Fannin, MSW*

E4 Development of Evidence Based Practice (EBP) within a Community Oncology Setting, *Paul Clark, ABD, LCSW, James Zabora, ScD*

E5 [Continued from D5]

10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

F1/G1 Conversations at the End-of-Life: The Challenge to Support Patients who Consider Death with Dignity, *Pamela Miller, PhD, MSW, BASW, Susan Hedlund, MSW, LCSW, Ann Soule, MSW, LCSW*

F2/G2 Too Hot a Topic? Addressing the Identified Needs of Oncology Social Workers Knowledge, Comfort, Attitude and Approach of Sexuality, *Sage Bolte, MSW, LCSW, OSW-C, Christopher Anrig, MSW, LCSW*

F3/G3 A Comprehensive Cancer Support Program: From Vision to Reality, *Sabine Gnesdiloff, MSW, LCSW, OSW-C, Gordon Hay, MSW, MPA*

F4 Clinician/Researcher/Educator/Advocate: The Melding of Essential Skills for Quality Care, *Shirley Otis-Green, MSW, ACSW, LCSW, OSW-C*

F5 Effective Clinical Supervision: Where Do I Find It and How Do I Provide It?, *Ashley Varner, MSW, LCSW-C, OSW-C, Carole Seddon, MA, LCSW-C, BCD, OSW-C*

11:00 a.m. – 11:50 p.m.

G1/F1 [Continued from F1]

G2/F2 [Continued from F2]

G3/F3 [Continued from F3]

G4 Community Based Palliative Medicine: Emerging Opportunities for Oncology Social Workers, *Christine Goldstein, LCSW*

G5 Trailblazing In Clinical Oncology: Breathing Toward Mindfulness, *Richard Dickens, BS, MS, LCSW-R*

12:00 p.m. – 12:50 p.m.

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12:50 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

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2:40 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.

- H1** Group Bereavement Support for Spouses Who Are Grieving the Loss of a Partner to Cancer, *Rachel Schneider, MSW, LCSW*
- H2/H12** Expressive Writing in the Life with Cancer® Program: Innovative Opportunities for Health, Growth and Celebration, *Georgia Robertson, PhD, LPC, CPT*
- H3/H13** “The Other Shoe:” A Workshop on Groups for Patients With Advanced Disease, *Page Tolbert, LCSW, Rosalind Kleban, LCSW, Susan Glaser, LCSW, Richard Glassman, LCSW*
- H4** From the Frontline to the Classroom: An Educational Collaboration between Academia and Health Care, *Jane Bowling, DSW, Anne Martin, PhD, LCSW*
- H5/H15** “Give Sorrow Words”: Oncology Social Worker Role in Helping a Dying Parent and Family Communicate with the Children, *Mary Kotansky, MSW, Donald List, MSW*

3:30 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.

- I1** Jane Addmas – The Ultimate Trail Blazer: What Would She Say About Today’s Oncology Social Workers?, *Jeffrey Mohr, MSW*
- I2/H2** [Continued from H2]
- I3/H3** [Continued from H3]
- I4** Marketing the Value of Oncology Social Work—“Does Anybody Really Understand What We Do?”, *Jane Powers, MS, LCSW, LMFT, Jessica Connor, MSW, LSW*
- I5/H5** [Continued from H5]

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

SIG Meetings

- SIG 1** – Blood and Marrow Transplant
SIG 2 – Children and Cancer
SIG 3 – End of Life
SIG 4 – Complimentary and Alternative Medicine
SIG 5 – Brain Tumor

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Exhibits, Poster Reception, & Silent Auction

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7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

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7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

- J6** I Can Cope Facilitator Training, Part II, [Continued from D1] **Attendance at Part I (D1) is a Prerequisite.**

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

National Marrow Donor Program Breakfast

- Addressing Language and Culture Barriers: Advocacy Opportunities for Oncology Social Workers**
Michelle A. Scott

9:45 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.

Papers & Workshops

- J1/K1** End of Life Skill Building, *Wendy Walters, LCSW, OSW-C*
- J2/K2** Social Work, Ethics and The Pursuit of Patient Autonomy, *Leora Lowenthal, LCSW, OSW-C, Tracy Borgmeyer, LCSW, OSW-C*
- J3** Legislative Session, *Christian Downs*
- J4/K4** The Family Conference: An Essential Intervention in Palliative Care, *Marlene Lockey, BA, MSSW/LCSW, Sriram Yennurajalingam, MD, Kelli Gershon, MSN, APRN, PCM-BC*
- J5** Long Distance Caregivers of Cancer Patients, *John Cagle, PhD candidate, MSW*

10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

- K1/J1** [Continued from J1]
- K2/J2** [Continued from J2]
- K3** Longer Term Recovery Tasks of Bereaved Widows and their Children: A Five Year Prospective Study, *Grace Christ, DSW, Matt Epperson, MSW*
- K4/J4** [Continued from J4]
- K5/L5** Mindfulness Meditation as a Coping Strategy in Cancer Care, *Elana Rosenbaum, MS, MSW, BCD, LICSW*

11:40 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

- L1** Integrating Research Into Front-Line Social Work: Blazing the Trail with the “Passport to Wellness” Program, *Ashley Varner, MSW, LCSW-C, OSW-C, Donna Costa, MHA*
- L2** BMT Patients and Caregivers: Linking research to Practice, *Nancy Boyle, MSW, LCSW, Deborah Eldredge, PhD, RN*
- L3** Blazing a Trail Through Difficult End-of-Life Conversations: Social Workers as Guides, *Debra Mattison, MSW, LMSW, BCD, OSW-C, Marta Metz, MSW*
- L4** Advocacy for Women with Cancer, *Brad Zebrack, PhD, MSW, MPH*

L5/K5 [Continued from K5]

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch on your own

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

SIG Meetings

- SIG 6** – Spirituality
SIG 7 – Diversity
SIG 8 – Ambulatory Care/Fee for Service
SIG 9 – Pain & Palliative Care
SIG 10 – Ethics
SWORG Meeting

2:40 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

- M1** Finding Safe Harbor: Clinical Supervision Steers the Way, *Mary Turney, MSW, LCSW, Jolene Rowe, MSW, LCSW*
- M2** AYA Clinic: Creating Psychosocial Supports for Adolescents and Young Adults with Cancer, *Nancy Boyle, MSW, LCSW, Katie Hennessy, MSW, LCSW*
- M3/N3** Developing Staff Support Programs: Addressing Compassion Fatigue and Burnout in the Workplace, *Christopher Anrig, MSW, LCSW, Carol Krueger, LCSW, Rachel Schneider, LCSW, Carolyn Stopol, LCSW*
- M4** Lean on Me: Social Workers Helping Caregivers, *Mary Bassham, MSSW, LCSW*
- M5** Caring for the Ancient Warrior: Your Client the Veteran, *Louisa Daratsos, LCSW, ACSW, Paul Stolz, LCSW*

3:40 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

- N1** How to Train I Can Cope Facilitators, Part I, *Paula Plona, ACSW, OSW-C, Payson Center for Cancer Care, Concord, NH*

This session builds on material covered in I Can Cope facilitator training but the focus is on presentation skills and principles for conducting training sessions. The training is interactive and will prepare ICC facilitators to work with their local ACS staff to train other ICC facilitators. **Completion of ICC facilitator training is a prerequisite for this session and pre-registration is required.** Contact Greta Greer at greta.greer@cancer.org.

- N2/O2** Dancing on the Razor's Edge: The Challenge of Living with Metastatic Disease, *Susan Hedlund, MSW, LCSW, Diane Harris, MSW, LCSW*

- N3/M3** [Continued from M3]

- N4** Shared Leadership: A Transdisciplinary Approach to Care, *Drucilla Brethwaite, MSW, LCSW, OSW-C, Eric Cohen, RN, BSN, OCN*

- N5** Social Work Leadership: Blazing the Trail for Community Partnerships in Cancer and End-of-Life Care in Rural New South Wales, Australia, *Victoria Jones, BSC Soc Hons CQSW M. Counselling, MAASW (Ac), Sue Pittman, BSW*

4:40 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

- O1** How to Train I Can Cope Facilitators, Part II [Continued from N1]

- O2/N2** [Continued from N2]

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