

2016 Report to the Community

“There are no right and wrong decisions about medical care at the end of life: rather, the value lies in making a fully informed choice.”

Angelo E Volandes, MD,
author of the book “The Conversation”



Note from the director

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Jane Dohrmann, MSW, LISW

Highlights:

Seventy-one health care leaders

became certified through four Respecting Choices First and Last Steps® workshops offered throughout the year. The workshops gave professionals the opportunity to enhance their advance care planning communication and interview skills.

Ten care centers participated

in a county-wide audit showing that 62% of long-term residents had IPOSTs (Iowa Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment). The IPOST paradigm has become a standard of care for residents and their families in promoting conversations and helping to honor the health care preferences of this special population.

Iowa City Hospice and University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics joined Mercy Iowa City and the Iowa City Senior Center in offering **free advance care planning services** to anyone in the community who would like to complete an advance directive.

Front cover: John Kenyon, Executive Director, UNESCO City of Literature; Angelo Volandes, MD, MPH, Harvard Medical School; Jane Dohrmann, Director, Honoring Your Wishes)

“I didn’t know how much I would appreciate this conversation until I had it.”

Recipient of advance care planning services

Professional Conference and Public Event Held to Promote the Importance of “The Conversation”

In collaboration with multiple community sponsors, Honoring Your Wishes hosted Dr. Angelo Volandes, author of the book “The Conversation” on October 4, 2016 at the Coralville Center for the Performing Arts.

One hundred and fourteen professionals attended the morning conference “Honoring Health Care Preferences through Caring Conversations”.

Panelists Laurie Lyckholm, MD, UI Health Care, Diane Finnerty and Mahmooda Ahmad (pictured left to right) shared their professional and personal perspectives on advance care planning. Noelle Andrew, Associate Director of Spiritual and Interpreting Services at UI Hospitals and Clinics, (far right) moderated.



Four religious and spiritual leaders shared faith perspectives on advance care planning. Pictured from left to right are Rev. Steven Protzman, Unitarian Universalist Society of Iowa City; Shams Ghoneim, Coordinator of Muslim Public Affairs Council, Iowa Chapter, Iowa City Eman Islamic Center; Rev. Zuiko Redding, Resident Teacher, Cedar Rapids Zen Center; Tim Bernemann, Director of Pastoral Care, Mercy Iowa City. Lori Erickson, Deacon, New Song Episcopal Church, Coralville (far right), moderated the panel.



Two hundred people attended the evening community program “The Conversation: A Revolutionary Plan for End-of-Life Care.” Dr. Angelo Volandes presented and read from his book as a part of the Iowa City Book Festival.



Wendy Fiordellisi, MD, UI Health Care (right) was awarded the Dianne Day Community Champion award for her leadership in promoting advance care planning. Jane Dohrmann presented the award.

“The most important part of my job is caring for the patient as a person, not just treating a disease.”

Wendy Fiordellisi, MD

“The most intimate and impactful time at a professional meeting in 20 years!!!”

Conference attendee



National Health Care Decisions Day Recognized on April 16th

Events were held at five community locations and proclamations were made by the Johnson County Board of Supervisors, the City of Iowa City, and the City of Coralville to raise public awareness of the need to plan ahead for medical decisions.

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