



HMDCB ANNOUNCES 2015-2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Chicago, IL – October 2015 — The Hospice Medical Director Certification Board is excited for the year ahead after certifying over 500 physicians since its launch in 2014. The 2016 year will mark the third examination cycle for the organization when high quality standards are clearly a focus of the hospice industry.

The Board of Directors convened in October at the HMDCB headquarters in Chicago, IL where departing Board member, Gail Austin Cooney, MD HMDC FAAHPM, was acknowledged for her service and dedication to not only the organization, but to the hospice industry as a whole. Cooney, a past American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM) Board President and Founding President of HMDCB, worked diligently to help make the idea of HMDCB become a reality. “Hospice physician certification will improve the care received by hospice patients and help to ensure patient access to hospice services.” said Cooney.

In an effort to maintain the founding values of HMDCB, seven organizing board members will continue on the 2015-2016 Board of Directors: David McGrew, MD FAAHPM HMDC will serve as Immediate Past President, Kimberly Bower, MD HMDC has been appointed President and John Manfredonia, DO FACOFP FAAHPM HMDC as President-Elect. Brian Murphy, MD MBA HMDC FAAHPM will serve as Secretary/Treasurer and Ron Schonwetter, MD FAAHPM and Tommie Farrell, MD HMDC will continue as Director and Aspasia Apostolakis Miller, SPHR as Public Member. HMDCB is pleased to welcome one new board member as the AAHPM Board Liaison:

AAHPM Board Liaison – Tara Friedman, MD FAAHPM

With nearly 15 years of experience working in the hospice and palliative medicine field, Dr. Friedman comes to HMDCB from Newtown, PA where she currently works as the Senior Medical Director at Aspire Healthcare. Dr. Friedman brings valuable experience having previously represented the AAHPM at meetings on Capitol Hill and also on the American Board of Internal Medicine’s Liaison Committee on Certification and Recertification (LCCR).

For more information on the HMDCB certification program, visit www.HMDCB.org, email info@hmdcb.org, or call 847.375.6740.

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The Hospice Medical Director Certification Board (HMDCB) is a not-for-profit certifying body established to design, implement, and evaluate a certification program for hospice medical directors and other physicians who provide hospice care for patients. The mission of HMDCB is to relieve suffering and improve quality of life by promoting the excellence and professional competency of hospice medical directors. For more information, visit www.hmdcb.org.