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PITTSBURGH, PA – The Hospice and Palliative Nurses Foundation (HPNF) has been awarded a \$753,000, two-year grant from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation to support the efforts of the National Coalition for Hospice and Palliative Care (Coalition) to establish community-based practice guidelines for palliative care. These funds will enable the Coalition to establish Community-Based Practice Guidelines for Quality Palliative Care. This grant will support a stakeholder summit and the development, endorsement, dissemination, and implementation of community-based palliative care guidelines. These guidelines will be modeled on the success and strategies of the National Consensus Project for Quality Palliative Care’s (NCP) earlier Clinical

Practice Guidelines for Quality Palliative Care, 2013.

”We are grateful to the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation for funding this project. The National Consensus Project: Guidelines for Quality Palliative Care have served as a key resource in the field since the publication of the first edition in 2004. This new project will allow us to expand the scope



and reach of the initial guidelines to impact the delivery and integration of palliative care in the community setting.” – Sally Welsh, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, Chief Executive Officer, Hospice and Palliative Nurses Foundation.

The goal of the two-year project is to ensure that national practice guidelines formalize and delineate provision of quality community-based palliative care delivery for adults, children, and families living with serious and/or chronic progressive illness to safely and reliably meet their supportive care needs where they live. By stimulating effective dissemination and implementation of the guidelines in practice, the project will help to build core competencies among all providers.

A Project Steering Committee will be established and will include representatives from key stakeholder organizations from various disciplines and settings. The Steering Committee will spearhead the project, starting with the planning and convening of a stakeholder summit in 2017. The writing of community-based practice guidelines will also commence in 2017 with stakeholder endorsement and guideline dissemination and implementation occurring in 2018.

Development and deployment of the new consensus-driven practice guidelines for community-based palliative care will hold all practitioners to quality standards that delineate optimal practice, promote value, and enable outcomes measurement in these settings.

“People with serious illness deserve the highest-quality palliative care – these guidelines, once finalized, will help ensure that standards exist to protect the most vulnerable among us, so that they can be assured that wherever they receive palliative care – at home, community clinic, nursing home, or assisted living facility, that these standards exist and are being utilized. We look forward to working with health care organizations in the future to encourage the utilization of these guidelines when implementing standards of care in these various settings.” – Amy Melnick, MPA, Executive Director, National Coalition for Hospice and Palliative Care.

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The Hospice and Palliative Nurses Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that provides professional development opportunities to qualified members of the hospice and palliative care team. HPNF offers scholarships for education, conferences, and specialty certification, along with nursing research grants and leadership awards. HPNF also depends on the generous spirit of donors to financially support its mission. Visit <http://hpnf.advancingexpertcare.org> to learn more.

#### About the Coalition

The National Coalition for Hospice and Palliative Care represents leading hospice and palliative care national organizations that are dedicated to advancing care of patients and families living with serious and often chronic conditions, as well as those facing the end of life. The organizations that form the Coalition represent more than 4,000 physicians, 11,000 nurses, 5,000 professional chaplains, more than

5,000 social workers, researchers, 1,600 palliative care programs, and over 5,300 hospice programs and related personnel. The combined membership represents the interdisciplinary hospice and palliative care team which is patient and family-centered. The Coalition includes the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM), Association of Professional Chaplains (APC), Center to Advance Palliative Care (CAPC), Health Care Chaplaincy Network (HCCN), Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA), Hospice and Palliative Nurses Foundation (HPNF), National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO), National Palliative Care Research Center (NPCRC), and Social Worker Hospice and Palliative Care Network (SWPHN).

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