

State Advisory Council on Palliative Care and Quality of Life: Advancing Palliative Care in Alabama



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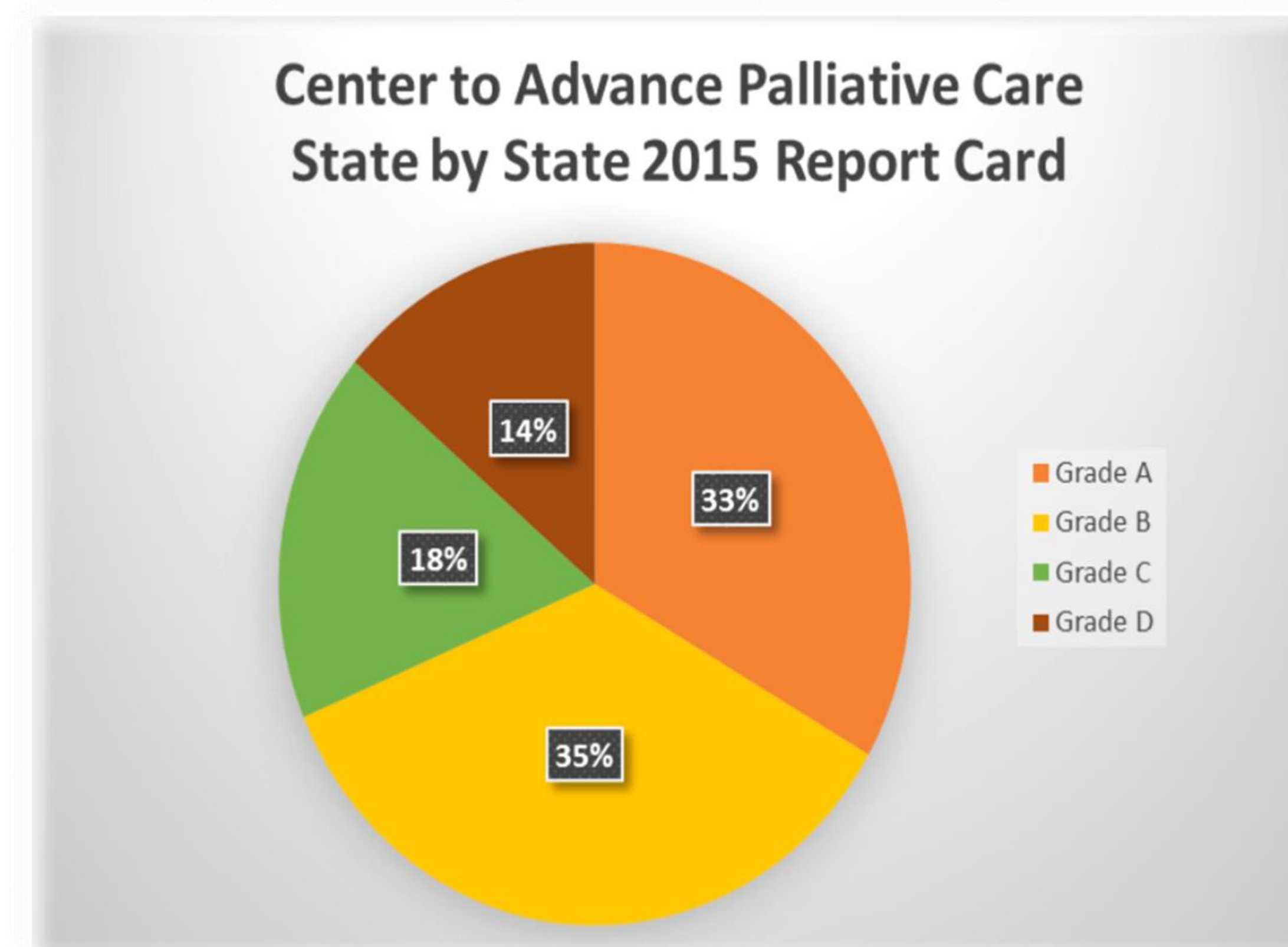
Inception

- Senate Bill 95
- House Bill 235
- Created in 2015
- 3 Year Term
- ADPH State Health Officer Appointment
- Quarterly Meetings
- Interdisciplinary:
MD, APRN, SW, Consumer, Chaplaincy, Nursing Home Durable Medical Equipment

Diverse Populations

Background

South-central regions are most in need of improving access to palliative care



Awareness

ALABAMA PUBLIC HEALTH

Health Care Facilities

Palliative Care

Palliative care is an approach that improves the quality of life for patients (and their caregivers) facing life-threatening illness. The approach involves prevention and relief of suffering by means of early identification, assessment and treatment of pain and related physical, psychosocial and spiritual problems. Visit the World Health Organization for more information on the palliative care approach to improving quality of life.

Mission Statement

The mission of this Council is to promote Palliative Care in Alabama by improving consumer awareness of the positive effect of compassionate palliative care on the quality of life and care for individuals and families living with life-limiting illness.

This will be accomplished through establishment of a consumer and professional information and educational program within the Department of Public Health; and by facilitating collaboration among palliative care providers, organizations, institutions and individuals.

State Advisory Council on Palliative Care and Quality of Life

The State Advisory Council on Palliative Care and Quality of Life was created in 2015 to establish a palliative care consumer and professional information and education program. The Council meets quarterly. Information on previous and upcoming Council meetings, including agendas and minutes, are available below.

Resources

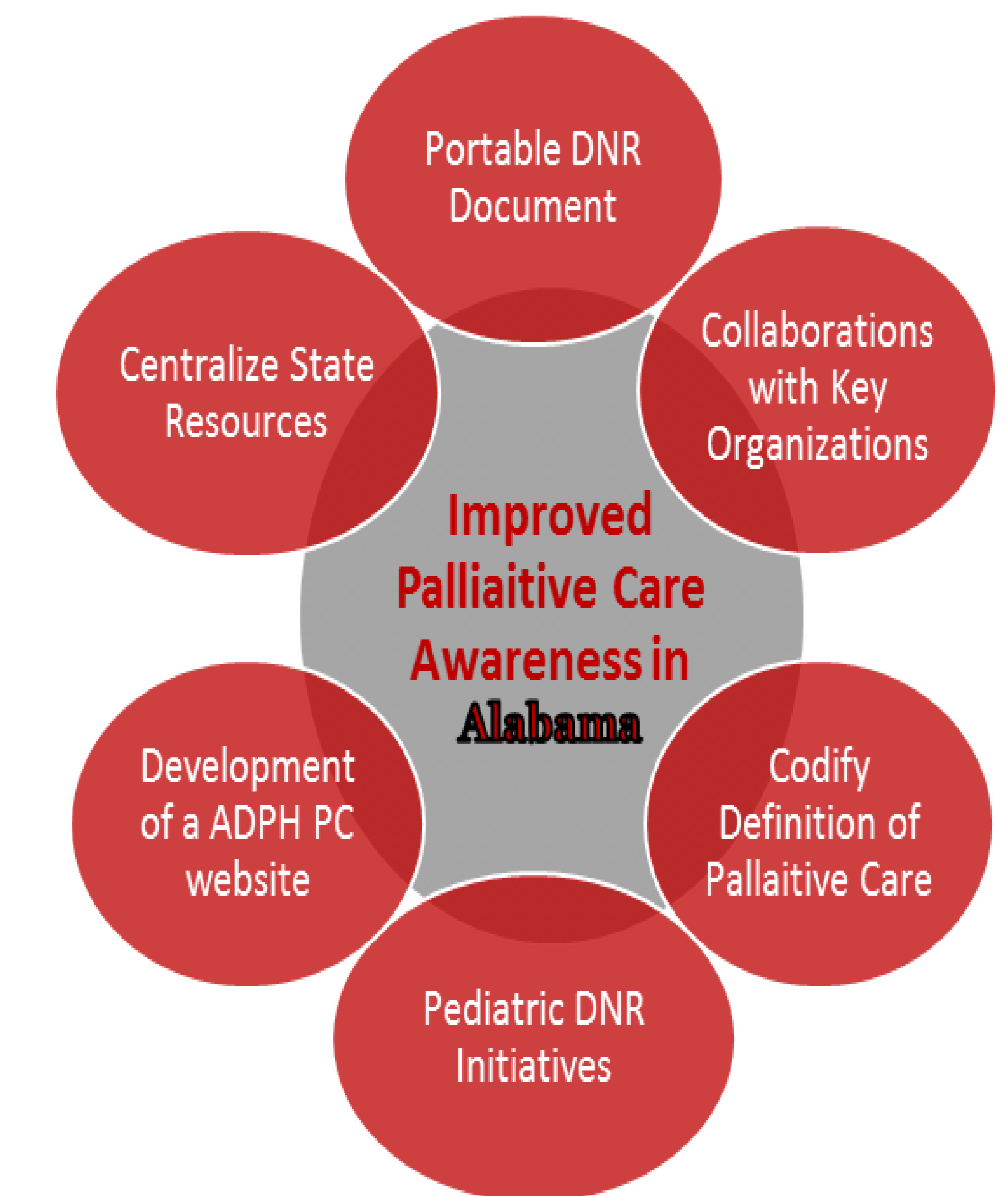
- UAD Center for Palliative and Supportive Care
- American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM)
- Center to Advance Palliative Care
- National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization
- Get Palliative Care
- Alabama Hospice & Palliative Care Organization
- Medicare's Role in End-of-Life Care
- Advance Directives/Portable Physician Do Not Attempt Resuscitation Orders
- Advance Directives/Portable Physician Do Not Attempt Resuscitation Orders (Spanish)
- Form 1: Alabama Portable Physicians Do Not Attempt Resuscitation Order
- Form 2: Certification of Health Care Decision Surrogate
- Advance Care Videos: Power Point for Physicians | Video for the Patients
- FAQ and Answers for Portable Physician's DNAR Orders and Rules

Next Meeting

August 11, 2017 at 10 a.m.
15th Floor, Ste 1586, RSA Tower
Montgomery, Alabama

Materials:

Progress



AIMS

- Provide consumer and professional information along with educational programs for both consumers and health care providers
- Facilitate collaboration among palliative care providers, organizations, institutions and individuals

The State of Alabama Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council is now bringing together a diverse group of stakeholders to primarily focus educational efforts and public awareness around palliative care. With an initial focus on educational resources and access to services, the Council is poised to make a difference for our state through the partnership with the State Department of Public Health.

Dr. Rodney Tucker

With the posting and promotion of two new educational resource videos and the recently created Portable Physician Do Not Attempt Resuscitation (DNAR) form to the "Palliative Care and Quality of Life" section of the ADPH website, the Council is opening up the dialogue both between family members and between physicians and their patients about the meaning and importance of advance care planning. Additionally, the new DNAR form is providing families with peace of mind that their loved one's wishes will follow them regardless of a change in facility.

Mary Ann Somers