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Siskiyou County Coalition Awarded \$60,000 Grant for Advance Care Planning

FAIRFIELD – Siskiyou County residents may soon be hearing a lot more about Advance Care Planning – the process of making decisions now about the health care you would want to receive in the future if you became unable to make your wishes known.

Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC) and the Coalition for Compassionate Care of California (CCCC) have chosen a Siskiyou County coalition to receive \$60,000 in grant funding to expand and enhance advance care planning (ACP) in the community. Siskiyou ACP Coalition “Let’s Talk” will receive 18 months of financial, leadership, educational, mentorship, and logistical support from PHC and CCCC.

“We are pleased to help the Siskiyou ACP Coalition in this work of facilitating conversations and decisions that are so important to each and every person in our community,” said Elizabeth Gibboney, CEO of PHC, the Medi-Cal managed care plan in Siskiyou and 13 other Northern California counties.

Siskiyou ACP Coalition “Let’s Talk” has established its leadership team and is identifying potential members, which will include representatives from hospitals, home health, school of nursing, faith-based organizations, and community leadership. “We are very excited to be able to educate our community about Advance Directives,” said Terrie Berentsen, Executive Director for Madrone Hospice Inc.

Siskiyou ACP Coalition “Let’s Talk” plans to use the grant funding to establish advance care planning as a community standard in the county, educate providers about ACP and how to facilitate meaningful ACP conversations, educate consumers about ACP through awareness campaigns, workshops, and presentations, and to develop a plan for sustaining the coalition beyond the 18-month grant period.

The grant is one four awarded to countywide ACP coalitions in PHC's service area. The other recipients include:

- Humboldt Advance Care Planning Coalition (Hum ACP)
- Yolo Coalition to Honor Choices
- My Life. My Way. Lake County Coalition for Advance Care Planning

About Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC)

PHC is a nonprofit community-based health care organization that contracts with the state to administer Medi-Cal benefits. PHC provides quality health care to over 560,000 Medi-Cal members. Beginning in Solano County in 1994 PHC now provides services to 14 Northern California counties – Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Marin, Mendocino, Modoc, Napa, Shasta, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Trinity, and Yolo.

About the Coalition for Compassionate Care of California (CCCC)

The Coalition for Compassionate Care of California is an interdisciplinary collaborative of regional and statewide organizations and individuals dedicated to promoting high-quality, compassionate care for everyone who is seriously ill or nearing the end of life.