

# 2026 Spring Intensive: Regulatory Update

## “Better Together: Strengthening Care Through Community Partnership”

May 7–8, 2026 | Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel | Portland, Oregon

Jointly hosted by the Oregon Hospice & Palliative Care Association (OHPCA) and the Washington State Hospice & Palliative Care Organization (WSHPCO)

### SHORT SCHEDULE – THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026

<i>Breakfast, Registration/Sign In</i>	<i>7:45–8:30a</i>
Welcome, Housekeeping, Announcements	8:30–8:45a
<b>Keynote - A View from the Other Side: Caregiver Perspectives on Hospice</b> Dr. Ashley Meagher, MD, MPH, FACS	8:45–9:45a
<b>Helping Care Go Well: A Caregiver’s Role in the Hospice Experience</b> Meg McCauley, Director of Association Management and IT Manager, OHPCA & WSHPCO	9:45–10:15a
<i>Break with Vendors</i>	<i>10:15–10:45a</i>
<b>FY 2027 Proposed Hospice Wage Index Rule AND a Chance to Create Comments in Response – Make a Difference Today!</b> Judi Lund Person, MPH, CHC, Lund Person & Associates Hospice Consulting	10:45a–12p
<i>Lunch, Visit with Vendors</i>	<i>12–1p</i>
<b>Hospice Documentation Requirements</b> (via Zoom) Kathy Mersh, Medicare Part A Provider Outreach & Education Consultant; NGS, an Elevance Health Company	1–2p
<b>Empowering Clients with Updated Funeral Resource Information</b> Holly Pruett, MA, Funeral Celebrant & Death Doula, Oregon Funeral Resources & Education	2–3p
<i>Break with Vendors</i>	<i>3–3:15p</i>
<b>Key Drivers of Hospice Access and Experience</b> Marc Berg, Co-Owner & Sarah Cameron, Principal, Berg Data Solutions	3:15–4:15p
Adjournment	4:15p

## SHORT SCHEDULE – FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026

<i>Breakfast, Registration/Sign In</i>	<i>7:45–8:30a</i>
Welcome, Housekeeping, Announcements	8:30–8:45a
<b>Plenary - Better Together: Community as Intervention in End-of-life Care</b> Erin Collins, MN, RN, CHPN, Director of Programs, The Peaceful Presence Project	8:45–9:45a
<i>Break with Vendors</i>	<i>9:50–10:15a</i>
<b>Partners In Care Integrated Volunteer Doula Program</b> Shannon Campbell, Volunteer Manager, Partners in Care and Lisa Hurley, Chief Operating Officer, Partners in Care	10:15–10:55a
<b>Clinical Excellence in Action: Surviving an OIG Audit</b> Lisa Hurley, Chief Operating Officer and Kristi Williams, BSN, RN, Quality Manager, Partners in Care	10:55-11:15a
<b>Better QI Leads to Better Outcomes; One Agency's Journey</b> Greg Pang, Principal, MHA, Greg Pang Healthcare Consulting	11:15a-12:15p
<i>Lunch, Exhibitor Bingo Drawing, Vendor Drawings</i>	<i>12:15–1:15p</i>
<b>Hard-Won Lessons in Hospice Care: The HOPE Tool and Responding to Emergencies</b> Judi Lund Person, MPH, CHC, Lund Person & Associates Hospice Consulting, Christine Nidd, CPHQ, PMP, MSW, Manager of Quality & Compliance, Hospice of the Northwest; Casey Byman, RN, BSN, Hospice Quality Program Manager, EvergreenHealth; Zoe Diaz, MBA, CCO, Tri-Cities Chaplaincy; Kathryn Bomkamp, Kaiser Hospice & Palliative Care	1:15-2:15p
<i>Break</i>	<i>2:15–2:30p</i>
<b>Regulatory Deep Dive – Up to the Minute Hospice Regulatory Issues</b> Judi Lund Person, MPH, CHC, Lund Person & Associates Hospice Consulting	2:30-3:30p
Adjournment	3:30p