A Collaborative Model used to Develop a Resource Guide for Communities to Enhance their Palliative and End-of-Life Care: The Case of Alberta, Canada

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Objectives

To describe the Alberta case example of resource guide development:

• Why? Rationale for a collaborative model/team in palliative and end-of-life care community planning
• Who was the collaborative team?
• How the guide was developed?
• Key elements of the Resource Guide
• Describe the value of a collaborative model/approach
• Describe the current status of our collaborative team and our outcomes
Characteristics of the Case in Alberta

- Large number of communities wishing to address their palliative and end of life care needs
- Provincial Government receiving many requests for support from communities
- Provincial Government acknowledged need for a broad representative collaborative team approach to support Alberta community development needs
Representation of the Collaborative Team

- **Provincial government/policy**
  - Jamie Tycholiz

- **Community member involved in developing a local palliative care initiative**
  - Kathy Kemmere; Dr. Martin Tweeddale

- **Palliative care physician**
  - Dr. Eleanor Foster; Dr. Martin LaBrie

- **Provincial palliative and end-of-life Alberta Health Services**
  - Michelle Fraser-Peterson

- **Indigenous health**
  - Sandra Shade

- **Collaborative Team coordination**
  - Aurora Leang

- **Academia**
  - Dr. Kyle Whitfield

- **Management and operations of palliative care**
  - Pansy Angevine

- **Alberta Hospice Palliative Care Association**
  - Pansy Angevine, Michelle Fraser-Peterson, Kathy Kemmere
How was the resource developed?

• Collaborative team members gathered information needs of Alberta communities re. palliative and end-of-life care needs

• Resource Guide was developed
Key elements of the Resource Guide

“its more than a building”

• Compassionate Communities
• Getting Started
• Training and education
• Fundraising resources
• Logistics
• References and Appendices
Value of a collaborative model/team approach

• There are limits to a singular decision making model - a collaborative model enhances decisions

• A representative view widens input into decisions thus expands outcomes

• Multi-sectoral buy-in to decision making

• Builds capacity for further collaborative approaches
Current status of our Collaborative Team

• The Collaborative Team still exists
• Article about the Resource Guide published
  – “Compassionate communities supporting people at the end of life”
    (Fall 2017, Apple -Alberta Health Services Health and Wellness magazine)

• Next task
  – Evaluate the usefulness of the Resource Guide through engagement with Alberta community hospice and palliative care initiatives
Thank you