What Does the PACE Learning Community Provide?

- CAPC membership and access to member-only training and resources, including:
  - Clinical care guidelines
  - Evidence-based screening and assessment tools
  - On-line courses in communication skills, symptom management, and opioid prescribing, all with full CE credits for physicians, nurses, social workers, case managers, and licensed professional counselors
  - Recommended quality measures for specific purposes
- Three free meetings, each on a specific topic, to facilitate peer-to-peer learning
- Scheduled call-in access to experts who have successfully implemented these strategies
- Up to $2000 towards travel to the 2020 National PACE Association Annual Conference
- A network of peers, all of whom are working to implement similar strategies and are facing similar challenges

Palliative care - care focused on providing relief from the symptoms and stress of serious illness - is an essential component of care for older adults with functional impairments. While PACE programs provide high-quality care for their population, there remain many opportunities to further improve quality of life for participants and their family caregivers through palliative care skills and processes. The PACE Learning Community will allow your organization to develop this expertise.

The West Health Institute and the Center to Advance Palliative Care (CAPC), in partnership with the National PACE Association are seeking a limited number of PACE sites to participate in this Palliative Care Learning Community. The community will support PACE organizations by providing practical guidance and tools, online training and skill-building support, access to experts and facilitated peer support.

Areas of focus for this learning community will include:
- Defining and implementing a proactive identification process to target certain conversations, symptom management, and/or hospice services to the right participants.
- Defining training curricula for all of the PACE team roles, and providing free on-line, CE training to all program staff.
- Defining and using quality measures relevant to high-quality care in the context of a serious illness and end-of-life.
Participation Requirements:

- Attend two virtual convenings and two 1:1 virtual coaching calls with program faculty.
- Attend an in-person meeting coordinated with the National PACE Association annual conference (Oct 11-14, 2020, San Diego, CA).
- Complete an intake and exit survey.

Anticipated Timeline and Activities:

- Receive access to activate CAPC membership, providing access to all online training and all resources; complete intake survey.
  - Q1 2020
- Participate in two virtual convening sessions.
  - Q1 - Q4 2020
- Attend in-person workshop in conjunction with NPA annual conference.
  - Q4 2020
- Communicate with faculty and CAPC experts via coaching calls and optional virtual office hours.
  - Q1 - Q2 2021
- Conduct post-learning community exit interviews.
  - Q1 - Q2 2021

Five (5) PACE programs will be selected for full participation in the Learning Community. All other interested programs will be able to participate in select learning sessions.

Application deadline: October 31, 2019

Requests to participate may be submitted by following this link.

https://bit.ly/2ZhCxC7

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