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# **Professional teleconference offered LIVE September 24<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm on Intimacy and Sexuality During Illness and Loss**

**HARBOR HOSPICE PRESENTS**

**HOSPICE FOUNDATION OF AMERICA'S ANNUAL NATIONAL LIVING WITH GRIEF® PROGRAM**

*Muskegon, Michigan, August 25, 2020* - Each year the Hospice Foundation of America (HFA) presents a nationally recognized, award-winning distance learning program to more than 125,000 people in 2,000 communities. For more than a decade, HFA's educational events, have been instrumental in educating healthcare professionals and families on issues affecting end-of life care.

This year's Living With Grief® Program focuses on "Intimacy and Sexuality During Illness and Loss." Holistic treatment of the terminally ill and/or bereaved should include the needs of the whole person. Yet the most basic of human desires, intimate and sexual relationships, are frequently avoided, dismissed, or unaddressed by healthcare, social service, clergy and bereavement professionals. Patients, family caregivers, and clients can be inhibited by the deeply personal nature of intimacy and sexuality and often do not raise concerns with professionals.

Expert panelists Carrie Arnold, Alua Arthur, John Cagle and Ken Doka, along with narrator Frank Sesno will identify barriers to intimacy and sexuality for terminally ill persons and the bereaved. The program will emphasize the knowledge and skills that professionals must have to sensitively address intimacy and sexuality and suggest interventions that can help dying and bereaved persons address these elemental human needs.

The program will be presented LIVE through a Zoom link on September 24, 2020 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. There is no cost for this event. The link will be provided to those that register through the Harbor Hospice website (HarborHospiceMI.org) on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you are unable to view it live, a link will be available for on-demand viewing after September 24<sup>th</sup> to those that inquire or registered online.

The program is 1-1/2 hours. 1.5-hours of continuing education (CE) will be available. Information about obtaining CEs through Hospice Foundation of America will be available during the webinar. Available CEs include nurses, social workers, counselors, funeral directors, clergy, CNAs and more. *Please verify CE availability with your professional or state board approval and/or refer to HFA's list of Board Approvals located at [www.hospicefoundation.org](http://www.hospicefoundation.org).*

NOTE: For more information, follow the Event on Facebook @HarborHospiceMI or call Beth Bolthouse at 231.728.3442 or 1.800.497.9559