



# National Council for Hospice and Palliative Professionals

**BEREAVEMENT PROFESSIONAL SECTION**

# NCHPP: What is it?



- **NCHPP is a collaborative of 15 discipline specific professional sections advancing end-of-life care within their disciplines.**
- **NCHCPP's on-line resources, forums and networking will help you grow professionally, find new solutions, contribute to the field, and elevate the national profile of your program.**

# My.NHPCO



- Professional communities
- Discussion Posts
- Monthly Chats
- Library entries
- Blog

# Please contact us...



- if you have questions about membership
- if you have topics you would like us to discuss
- if you would like a mentor
- if you would like to become a section committee member



# Wearing Multiple Hats in Hospice May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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# What hats do you wear?



- Bereavement and Social Work
- Bereavement and Spiritual Care
- Bereavement and Volunteer
- Some other combination
- Any all-in-ones?

# Why does this happen?



- Newer companies or sites may not be big enough to have dedicated full time staff for each discipline
- Company structure
- Declining census
- Company mergers
- The “B” word (Budget)

# Challenges to this structure:



- Bereavement often takes a back seat
- Live patients take precedence and are more likely to experience a crisis needing immediate attention
- Even if live patient census declines, bereavement census continues to grow
- It can be very difficult to juggle and prioritize when being pulled in different directions
- Needing to advocate for each role and at what point do things change?
- Feeling competent-usually we have one role we feel more comfortable with

# Group Question



**HOW DO YOU ALL MAKE  
IT WORK?**

**WHAT ARE SOME GOOD  
TIPS AND TRICKS TO  
KEEP SANE?**



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