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The Oklahoma Hospice & Palliative Care Association (OHPCA) is a voluntary membership association representing Oklahoma hospice and palliative care agencies providing end of life care; and is the best source of information throughout our state. The association is governed by a voluntary Board of Directors and has been in existence since 1983. With all the changes within our industry, the OHPCA provides the latest information in compliance, regulations, networking opportunities, and education to assist you, your team, or your family, as you provide exceptional end of life care to Oklahomans.

OHPCA is actively working with the OHPCA lobbyist related to House & Senate bills in the Oklahoma legislative session that could affect our industry in Oklahoma. The OHPCA speaks with one voice to represent our diverse community of hospice providers. The OHPCA website is now utilized to provide in-depth information to all hospice professionals across our state as well as to be a resource for patients and families. Our website www.okhospice.org, will soon have a log-in area **accessible only to active OHPCA members.**

If you attended our recent annual conference hosted at The Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Tulsa, thank you! We were honored to have Dr. Jessica Zitter share her Oscar-nominated short documentary *Extremis*. She thoughtfully shared her clinical experiences and shed light on one of the most difficult decisions we face in our lives. Greg Hawks had inspiring and thought-provoking discussions on corporate culture and Lisa Ryan discussed how important gratitude is in our everyday lives. All OHPCA members are offered significantly reduced rates for all conferences and sponsored events. Our 2019 Conference will be held once again at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino on October 15 and 16th. This year's conference will host a **one-day boot camp for hospice clinicians and physicians** focusing on the most difficult clinical and regulatory challenges in the hospice industry.

Join our efforts today, log into our website and **click the membership tab. You may also mail the attached renewal invoice with your payment to Oklahoma Hospice & Palliative Care Association, P.O. Box 1466, Ardmore, OK 73402.** Please note, each **separate licensed hospice office** must join the Association if you want **each location** to be listed in the OHPCA directory and web site as additional locations; to receive emails and updates; and to receive reduced registration fees at educational events. Additional administrative offices (AAO) sharing the same hospice license number will share the same membership benefits and their addresses will be listed under the licensed hospice address.

If you are already a member, thank you for your support. You already know of the many benefits of membership. If you are not a member, I would encourage you to find out how membership provides an excellent opportunity to gain visibility to the Hospice and Palliative Care community in Oklahoma. Become a member by completing the attached membership application and join OHPCA in ensuring excellence in end of life care.

Sincerely,

Laura Trammell
OHPCA President