

The Cunniff-Dixon Foundation

Thought Leadership Retreat

Denver, CO

April 9/10





On April 9th and 10th, 2018, The Cunniff-Dixon Foundation hosted 27 award winning physicians from across the country at the Four Seasons Hotel in Denver, CO. The leadership retreat began with drinks and hors d'oeuvres followed by a sit down dinner and discussion led by Dr Richard Payne.







As dinner concluded, Dr Payne began a planned discussion on how “we” as palliative care physicians have found ourselves caring for our own parents... and it has affected us as people and physicians.

The discussion was deeply personal... diving into what it means to relinquish your role as “physician” and become a loving family member, desiring and hoping for the quality of care that you make a point of providing your patients on a daily basis.







The next morning the group convened in a private event space for thoughtful discussion and sessions led by selected awardees, as well as notable invited guest speakers.



AGENDA

MONDAY

12:00 – 5:00	ARRIVAL— HOSPITALITY SUITE IN ROOM # 1406
6:00 – 7:00	RECEPTION IN THE COTTONWOOD FOYER
7:00 – 9:00	SEATED DINNER IN COTTONWOOD BALLROOM A, FOLLOWED BY OPEN DISCUSSION LED BY RICH PAYNE.

TUESDAY

7:00 – 7:30	BUFFET BREAKFAST IN MAPLE ROOM
	MEETING IN ASPEN ROOM
7:30 – 8:15	SOME WISDOM & THOUGHTS FROM OUR FOUR 'SENIOR CLINICIAN' AWARD WINNERS – MARIAN HODGES, CHARLIE SASSER, BOB MILCH, AND DAVID KORONES, FOLLOWED BY OPEN DISCUSSION.
8:15 – 9:00	ADVANCE CARE PLANNING – THE "PLANNING MY WAY" PROJECT – BOB PEARLMAN, FOLLOWED BY OPEN DISCUSSION.
9:00 – 9:30	' NETWORKING ' BREAK
9:30 – 10:15	THE NEXT GENERATION – MENTORING & LEADERSHIP – OPEN DISCUSSION LED BY TONY GALANOS.
10:15 – 11:00	ADVOCACY, INFLUENCE & THE FUTURE OF THE AWARDS – OPEN DISCUSSION LED BY STEFAN FRIEDRICHS DORF.
11:00 – 11:15	SHORTER BREAK
11:15 – 12:30	BEING PRESENT; A SACRED ACCOMPANIMENT – A DISCUSSION ABOUT THE PHYSICIAN-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP - LED BY CHRISTINA PUCHALSKI AND PETER DIXON.
12:30 – 2:00	BUFFET LUNCHEON AND NETWORKING TIME IN MAPLE ROOM.
2:00 – 5:00	FOR THOSE WHO ARE AROUND, TIME TO MIX.









“Thought boxes” were placed throughout the space to collect written thoughts and statements that popped up along the way



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It was a special two days for everyone involved! The group wanted more time together and is already looking forward to being together again in the future. Witnessing 27 of the world's leading palliative care minds and hearts connect for two days of memorable discussion and thought leadership was truly unforgettable.