

HEALTH CARE CHAPLAINCY NETWORK RELEASES WHITE PAPER DEFINING SPIRITUAL CARE AND ITS VALUE

NEW YORK, NY (October 24, 2016)—HealthCare Chaplaincy Network (HCCN) today announced the release of an extensive, evidence-based white paper that defines spiritual care and its value in today’s health care landscape, including its impact on patient satisfaction and an institution’s bottom-line. The paper also differentiates the roles of both professional chaplains and other health care disciplines in delivering this critical component of whole-person care.

The white paper, “SPIRITUAL CARE: What It Means, Why It Matters in Health Care,” offers clarity to the field and includes comprehensive source documentation that demonstrates mounting research on this topic. It is presented in the context of the current health care climate, which includes a focus on patient-centered care, patient satisfaction, medical outcomes, and worth to an institution, said Rev. Eric J. Hall, HCCN’s president and CEO, and one of the contributors.

“By having a document that clearly defines the field and its meaning in the current health care climate, we can help educate health care disciplines and administrators, and empower chaplains to direct their roles within health care settings,” Hall said. “This can help move spiritual care forward, with the ultimate goal of further integrating it into health care and providing optimal support to patients and their families.”

The white paper is available at www.healthcarechaplaincy.org/spiritualcare.

About HealthCare Chaplaincy Network™

HealthCare Chaplaincy Network™ is a global health care nonprofit organization founded in 1961 that offers spiritual-related information and resources, and professional chaplaincy services in hospitals, other health care settings, and online. Its mission is to advance the integration of spiritual care in health care through clinical practice, research and education in order to improve patient experience and satisfaction and to help people faced with illness and grief find comfort and meaning—whenever they are, whatever they believe, wherever they are. For more information, visit www.healthcarechaplaincy.org, call 212-644-1111, and connect with us on twitter and Facebook.

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