



HEALTHCARE CHAPLAINCY NETWORK FORMS PARTNERSHIP WITH NEW YORK STATE CHAPLAIN TASK FORCE

Both organizations collaborate to highlight the need for spiritual care at the community level

New York, N.Y. (Oct. 5, 2017) HealthCare Chaplaincy Network (HCCN) – through its affiliate the Spiritual Care Association (SCA) – has formed a collaboration agreement with the New York State Chaplain Task Force (NYSCTF), an affiliate of New York Chaplaincy Services. Both organizations will be working closely to heighten attention to the need for spiritual care services in their local communities and around the country.

NYSCTF trains Interfaith Chaplains in providing spiritual care and emotional support efficiently and effectively to individuals, families, and to public and private institutions. Since 1961, HCCN has served a similar aim. Through HCCN’s affiliate, the Spiritual Care Association, a professional membership-based 501(c)(3), members are able to utilize educational resources, such as Chaplain Credentialing and becoming a Board Certified Chaplain, as well as self-guided curriculum and instructor-led courses. With 1,300 members and an affiliate consisting of 13 global organizations, SCA has established evidence-based quality indicators, scope of practice and a knowledge base for spiritual care in health care. The partnership is monumental for both organizations.

“We have an extensive curriculum that will benefit New York State Chaplains Task Force,” said Rev. Eric J. Hall, HCCN/SCA President and CEO. “The work they are doing is appreciated and well received in the community and it is important for us to unite so both of our organizations will continue to have a strong presence.”

In 2011, Rev. Marcos A. Miranda, who serves as President, founded NYSCTF in response to lack of spiritual care in the community. NYSCTF has 1,200 members and works 24-hours a day, year-round to assist state and local government in times of crisis. Chaplains are encouraged to complete their Intensive Training Program, in which he/she accumulates a minimum of 400 clinical and/or volunteer hours over the course of 10 weeks, which encompasses specialized training to work within health care settings, correctional facilities, law enforcement agencies and faith/community-based organizations. In addition, their chaplains are nationally certified in First Aid, CPR and Automated External Defibrillators (AED). Upon completion, each chaplain becomes certified by New York State Chaplaincy, supervised by National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) and are members of Association of Professional Chaplains (APC).

“I am what you would call an alumni of HCCN, completing the first two Clinical Pastoral Education units with their CPE program,” explained Rev. Marcos. “I believe the creation of the Spiritual Care Association is filling a great void that has existed when it came to progressive and adaptive

chaplains education, chaplain credentialing and certification. I want our organization to be a part of that.”

Rev. Miranda invited Rev. Hall to join NYSCTF’s Board of Directors as a Specialty Advisor in August 2017. Through Rev. Hall’s involvement, the goal is to expand the training of the chaplains, promote the benefits of becoming members of the Spiritual Care Association, as well as to provide guidance to Rev. Miranda.

The New York State Chaplain Task Force has worked with the New York Police Department, American Red Cross, Mayor’s Office of Community Affairs, New York City Department of Corrections (Riker’s Island), as well as various nursing homes and assisted living and shelter facilities. The Task Force offers a spiritual care program that can be customized to suit the needs of the recipients.

“Partnerships like ours are groundbreaking and will pave the way for the future of spiritual care. I’m excited about the many possibilities,” said Rev. Miranda.

About HealthCare Chaplaincy Network

HealthCare Chaplaincy Network is a global healthcare nonprofit organization that offers spiritual care 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 healthcare through clinical practice, research and education in order to increase patient satisfaction and help people faced with illness and grief find comfort and meaning – whoever they are, whatever they believe, wherever they are. For more information, visit www.healthcarechaplains.org or call 212-644-1111

About Spiritual Care Association

The Spiritual Care Association (SCA) is the first multidisciplinary, international professional membership association for spiritual care providers that includes a comprehensive evidence-based model that defines, delivers, trains and tests for the provision of high-quality spiritual care. SCA, with offices in New York and Los Angeles, is a nonprofit affiliate of HealthCare Chaplaincy Network, a global nonprofit organization focused on spiritual-related clinical care, research and education. For more information, visit www.SpiritualCareAssociation.org or call 212-644-1111

About New York State Chaplain Task Force

New York State Chaplain Task Force, an affiliate of New York Chaplaincy Services, is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization which trains, maintains and dispatches highly skilled volunteer Inter-Faith Community Crisis Chaplains to provide spiritual and emotional support and assistance to individuals and their families, local & state agencies, as well as public and private institutions, in times of crisis. We take pride in providing 24/7, 365-days-a-year emergency spiritual and emotional support services. www.nychaplainservices.org .

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