



Medical Decision-Making and Its Impact on Grief

Supporting Families, Supporting Caregivers

May 9, 2018, 6:00-8:00pm

TRAVERSE CITY, MI, April 11, 2018— Michael's Place, northern Michigan's only non-profit grief support center, is collaborating with Hospice of Michigan and Munson Medical Center to provide a free workshop and panel discussion addressing the impact of end-of-life medical decision-making on families in grief and care providers.

Many spouses, adult children, and parents are faced with making medical decisions for someone they love who cannot communicate their wishes due to advanced illness or incapacitation. When death occurs, they are often left with second-guessing, doubt, regret, and guilt which impacts the grief process. We will come together to explore these experiences and reflect upon ways to invite peace and healing. Bereaved individuals and healthcare providers are welcome to attend.

Panelists for this workshop include, Dr. William Smith, retired family medicine physician, Dr. Rosemary Hagan, chaplain with Hospice of Michigan and Spiritual Director, Stephanie Van Slyke, BA, RN, HCEC, Advance Care Planning Coordinator and Ethics Consultant for Munson Medical Center, Melissa Fournier, LMSW, Program Director at Michael's Place and social worker for perinatal and pediatric patients with Hospice of Michigan, and Fred Anderson, retiree who was personally affected by the experience of medical decision-making for his wife.

To register for this workshop call (231) 947-6453 or email goodgrief@mymichaelsplace.net. Seats are limited.

About Michael's Place

Michael's Place is a grief support center for children, teens, and adults. The organization gives those who grieve a space to share their story along with care and support to survive their loss.

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