



## **2015 Annual Report**

### **Governance highlights:**

The Hospice and Palliative Credentialing Center (HPCC), Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA), and Hospice and Palliative Nurses Foundation (HPNF) continue to work in synergy in support of their unified mission statement, ***To Advance Expert Care in Serious Illness***, and common vision statement, ***To Transform the Care and Culture of Serious Illness***.

Palliative nursing leadership continues to emerge, not only as a fundamental aspect of healthcare reform, but as a necessary ingredient of quality palliative care as suggested by the 2014 Institute of Medicine (IOM 2014) Dying in America Report. To define palliative nursing leadership and delineate its significance, HPNA, HPNF, and HPCC convened a work group consisting of Constance Dahlin, JoAnne Reifsnnyder, Pamela Malloy, and Judy Friedrichs to develop a paper on palliative nursing leadership. The work resulted in the first joint position statement, *Palliative Nursing Leadership*. The statement was distributed at the 2015 AAHPM/HPNA Annual Assembly in Philadelphia and is available on the website.

### **Leadership**

#### **2015 Board of Directors**

Susan Koff, MSN, ARNP, ACHPN®, CRRN, President  
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### **Research**

The annual HPCC Certification Recognition Event was held on Thursday, February 26, 2015 during the Annual Assembly of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM) and Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Pamela Hinds, PhD, RN, FAAN, Director of Nursing Research at Children's National Medical Center, gave a very informative presentation on "The Institute of Medicine, Hospice and Palliative Certification and the Health of a Nation." She provided a current overview of historical and current data, research, and healthcare trends focused on improving education, engagement and outcomes. Specialty certified nurses provide leadership for the implementation of the recommendations defined by the IOM.

## **Advocacy**

During the annual HPCC Certification Recognition Event, the 2015 Certificant and Employer of the Year awards were presented.

Gwen Dodson, MSN, RN, ANP-BC, ACHPN® – ACHPN® of the Year  
Candace Baker, BSN, RN, CHPN® – CHPN® of the Year  
Kimberly Simmons, LPN, CHPLN® – CHPLN® of the Year  
Melanie Cama, BSN, RN, CHPCA® – CHPCA® of the Year  
Jennifer Marie Jonely, MSN, RN, RNC-OB, CPLC® - CPLC® of the Year  
Hospice Family Care of Huntsville Alabama – Employer of the Year

The Employer of the Year is selected from the HPCC Employer Supporter Program, which consists of organizations that demonstrate continuing support of hospice and palliative certification. There are 120 organizations in the program in 2015.

HPCC continued its support for the public awareness campaign *Certified Nurses are Everywhere*. Messages were broadcasted far and wide including the popular CBS Evening News. The short film clips included a variety of different nursing specialties and several HPCC certificants were featured.

## **Continuing Competence**

HPCC continues to offer seven certification exam programs: Advanced Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurse (ACHPN®), Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurse (CHPN®), Certified Hospice and Palliative Pediatric Registered Nurse (CHPPN®), Certified Hospice and Palliative Licensed/Practical Vocational Nurse (CHPLN®), Certified Hospice and Palliative Nursing Assistant (CHPNA®), Certified Hospice and Palliative Care Administrator (CHPCA®), and Certified in Perinatal Loss Care (CPLC®). In 2015 there were over 2,800 new certificants.

<b>2015 CBT EXAMINATION RESULTS</b>			
<b>Discipline</b>	<b># of Testers</b>	<b># of Passers</b>	<b># of current certificants</b>
APRN	402	239	1,262
RN	3,200	2,429	10,992
Pediatric RN	71	63	177
LP/VN	254	188	867
NA	1,151	949	3,546
Administrator	85	51	284
Perinatal Loss Care	36	36	122

In January, LearningBuilder debuted for recertification for the HPAR (Hospice and Palliative Accrual for Recertification) application by ACHPNs and CHPNs. It is an online platform with an easy-to-use format to record information. This new process allows more time for accrual of points and submission.

The HPCC Board of Directors and staff thoughtfully reviewed the HPAR process, taking into account the commitment of supporting a model of continuing competence as well as feedback expressed by our certificants and employer supporters. Changes were made to the requirements and the criteria was expanded to include additional activities, some of which may be accomplished in the workplace.

CHPNs continue to have 2 options to renew their certification in 2015:

- Sit for the exam in 2015 during one of the four testing windows.
- Submit a Hospice and Palliative Accrual for Recertification (HPAR) online application through LearningBuilder. HPAR is renewal through contact hours and professional development activities.

ACHPNs must use the HPAR option to renew.

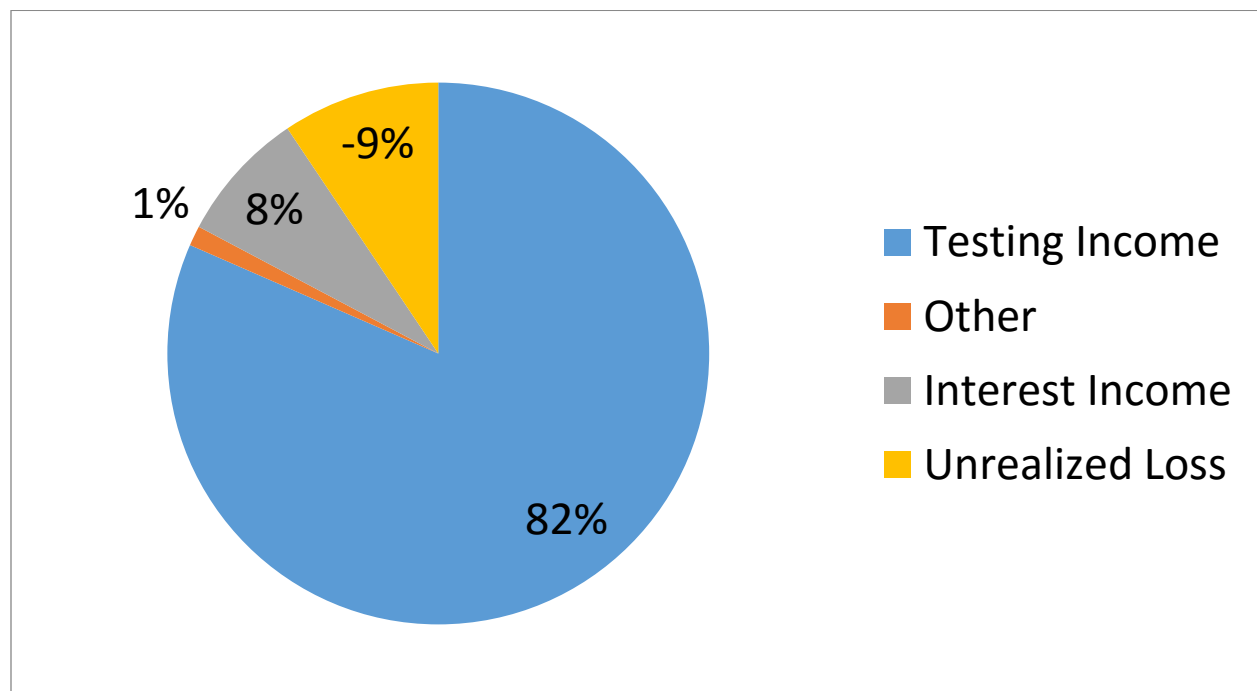
All ACHPNs and those CHPNs who choose the HPAR renewal for 2015 will use LearningBuilder rather than the former paper HPAR process.

### **Operational**

The HPCC national office continues to implement technological changes that enhance access to information and networking communities through the website for both HPNA members and HPCC certificants.

### **2015 HPCC Financials:**

#### Revenue



**Expenses**

