TITLE: Introduction/Orientation to Hospice of Northwest Ohio

COURSE NO.: SOMN 713

DEPARTMENT: Psychiatry

DURATION: The number of weeks/months over which the curriculum will be taught will be determined in conjunction with course directors.

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FACULTY PARTICIPANTS: John McGreevey, M.D., Walter Edinger, Ph.D.

SEMESTERS AVAILABLE: Fall and Spring

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 10-15 students maximum
(Additional requests will be handled on a case by case basis)

LOCATION: Hospice of Northwest Ohio - Perrysburg

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:
First-year and second-year medical students will have the opportunity to explore many facets of end-of-life care by participating in a structured curriculum at the Perrysburg location of Hospice of Northwest Ohio. They will be completing this program alongside 10 individuals from the community who will be participating in order to gain certification as a Hospice Volunteer. All students will receive an orientation at the beginning of the elective from Dr. John McGreevey, Medical Director of Hospice of Northwest Ohio – Perrysburg. He will be available to meet with the students throughout the elective experience as they complete the Hospice curriculum.

The curriculum will cover such topics as communication, confidentiality, admission to Hospice, history of Hospice, spirituality and dying, infection prevention, cultural diversity of the death experience, patient and family perspective of dying and common ethical issues encountered toward the end of life. In addition, students will participate in two three-hour visits, during which they will be partnered with experienced Hospice Volunteers in a practicum. Dr. McGreevey will again meet with the students as a group at the end of the elective in order to discuss how their experiences will help to prepare them for their roles as physicians.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES:

1. Discuss the responsibilities of Hospice Volunteers and their importance in end-of-life care with individuals admitted to Hospice
2. Explain the current availability of and access to Hospice services in Northwest
3. Describe the holistic approach that is utilized in caring for individuals admitted to Hospice

4. Discuss the experience of interacting with individuals at the end of their lives. How were your interactions different from and similar to what you expected.

**METHODS OF TEACHING:**
- Lecture
- Lecture / media
- Mentored clinical practice
- Small group discussion

1. Two two-hour sessions with Dr. McGreevey, Medical Director, Hospice – Perrysburg, will occur, with one at the beginning of the elective and one at its conclusion (**total of four hours**)
2. Eight three-hour sessions to complete the curriculum (also leading to certification as a Hospice Volunteer) (**total of 24 hours**)
3. Two three-hour practicum visits, during which each student will be partnered with an experienced Hospice Volunteer (**total of six hours**)

**METHODS OF STUDENT EVALUATION:**
- Attendance
- Reflective paper
- Journal of personal experience

**LINKAGE TO EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:**

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**ELECTIVE EVALUATION:**
Students will complete formative feedback for the faculty involved in this elective and for the overall experience. That feedback will be discussed at Department of Psychiatry Medical Education Committee meetings and necessary adjustments will be made to ensure a quality educational experience.

**PREREQUISITES (if any):** None