Staff Education HR.S40

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POLICY: Lifesong Hospice and Palliative Care provides on-going educational opportunities to its staff and volunteers that support staff development, maintaining and improving competencies and lifelong learning.

PROCEDURE:

- 1. The learning needs of hospice staff are assessed initially upon hire and annually during clinical competencies and performance evaluations and by questionnaire if needed.
- 2. Individual education plans are developed as needs are identified.
- 3. A schedule of in-service training is developed annually. Training is scheduled and available for all disciplines and staff members.
- 4. Learning opportunities may include, but are not limited to:
 - a. attendance at audio conferences;
 - b. online educational opportunities;
 - c. in-services provided by the hospice Medical Director and other internal staff;
 - d. in-services provided by outside speakers;
 - e. attendance, when feasible, at regional, State and national hospice conferences.
- 5. Participants evaluate educational programs and data from the evaluations are used to improve programming.
- 6. The Director of Clinical Operations maintains a written description of in-service training provided with detailed content and signed attendance sheets for all training provided during the previous 12 months.

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