

Mark Your Calendar Now

Friday, October 3, 2008

2:00 – 4:00 PM

Yakima Valley Community College, Alex Deccio Building, Parker Room C-101

COMMUNITY FORUM

A Social Justice Critique of Assisted Suicide: Physician Assisted Suicide Legislation

Panel presentation addressing the complex ethical, emotional and spiritual issues that are often ignored or poorly understood when administering care at the end of life, and all healthcare professionals responsibility to assure each and every patient who dies that they receive the most compassionate and respectful care possible.

Featured presenters: **Duane M. French**, of Lacey, WA is one of the founders of both Coalition Against Assisted Suicide and Washington Not Dead Yet, an organization representing people with disabilities. Duane was also a founding member of Alaska Not Dead Yet. Duane has a long history in disability rights leadership in 2005 was one of the first 10 inductees into the Spinal Cord Injury Hall of Fame. Fellow inductees include: Christopher Reeves, Teddy Pendergrass, John Hockenberry, Dr. Wise Young, the Honorable Tom Harkin, and other national figures. He received the 2005 Frank Harkin Leadership Award from the National Council on Independent Living presented by Senator Tom Harkin.

Marilyn Golden is a Policy Analyst at the Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF), our nation's foremost national law and policy center on disability civil rights, with offices in Berkeley, California and Washington, D.C. Pursuant to DREDF's position opposing the legalization of assisted suicide and euthanasia, Golden has become a national voice in that struggle. She has represented the disability community in many debates and dialogues on the subject, authored articles explaining the issue, and worked to defeat assisted suicide legislation in Hawaii, Vermont, and California; none of these bills have passed. She has also been closely involved with the Americans with Disabilities Act throughout all the stages of its proposal and passage and now during its implementation.

Linda Wrede-Seaman, MD, FAAHPM, FACEP, FAAFP, Yakima Physicians Pain and Palliative Care Consultant, will discuss the evolution of the field of palliative medicine, what is happening nationally and in our state in the medical education arena, focusing on the common barriers to receiving palliative care. She will define palliative sedation and explore its use and implications.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2008

7:00 – 8:30 PM

Clarion Hotel, Wapato Room, 1507 N 1st Street, Yakima

YCMS Membership Meeting

**Physician Assisted Suicide: The Oregon Perspective after a Decade of
Legalization**

Invited Guests: Elected Officials from the 13th, 14th, and 15th Legislative Districts
Independent Health Care Providers, and Program Partners

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2008

Yakima Convention Center, 10 N 8th Street, Yakima

“Enhancing End of Life Care”

“Promoting Palliative Care and Dignity Preserving Interventions at End of Life”

3.0 Category I Continuing Medical Education Credits

- **Review dignity-conserving medical practice at the end of life**
- **Improve alleviation of pain at the end of life**

*Intended for: Physicians, Mid-Level Practitioners, Physician Assistants, Nurses, Medical Assistants,
all persons involved in End of Life Care*

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