In order to make better informed choices, an intervention that first and foremost leads to better patient care, Dr. Angelo Volandes will be visiting the University of Washington this month to meet with the UW Palliative Care Center of Excellence professionals.

The purpose is the development of the specialty of palliative medicine as a critical step in advancing palliative care education and training. The American Cancer Society in parallel with the National Palliative Care Research Center is leading an effort to implement these. The metrics will assess progress led by the Director of our Metrics, Quality & Evaluation site. Since the last newsletter, we welcome Sharon Stephen, PhD, ARNP, ACHPN to the Palliative Care Center of Excellence. She will be spearheading our educationefforts and will help us to meet the standards at each level.

Dr. Kathryn Beattie MD Chief Medical Officer, and Scott Alleman Senior Vice President for Operations for VMC are regularly dialed into conference calls for the leadership of Palliative Care across the UW system. They have the difficult task of sustaining the services at VMC through fiscal responsibility. As always, thank you for your support and interest in the Palliative Care Center of Excellence.

Who is welcome: Anyone interested in palliative care education and training. You can read details about the who’s who in our newsletter.

We started the consult service 7 weeks ago, limiting the consults to the critical care area with plans to follow patients out to the wards. Thus far we have completed 30 new consults and 90 hours of palliative care education delivered in the patient care setting. This has led to the development of the consultation service at our Valley Medical Center.

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Application Deadline: October 15, 2013

The Cambia Health Foundation created the Sojourns Award to honor exemplary leaders in the field of palliative care. The 2013 Sojourns Award is to promote research and creating collaborative research partnerships. The goal of the Sojourns Award is to promote research and creating collaborative research partnerships. The Sojourns Award is to promote research and creating collaborative research partnerships.

Innovation will include clinicians and educators. This retreat will include clinicians and educators who will explore how aspects of the practice of meditation can help to develop deep the communication and compassion skills of medical, psychological, and education professionals.

Details of these presentations are included in this newsletter. The next one will be on September 18th, 2013. We will start the afternoon off with a talk about dying:ina patient-centered model, that provides cutting edge interdisciplinary care really looks like has allowed patients at a handful of hospitals to make them navigate a difficult time of their lives.

We have a strong landscape of palliative care education and training. You can read details about the who’s who in our newsletter.

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Planning for the Mixed Blessing of Unexpected Growth!

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