

Meeting Title: End of Life Care Committee Meeting

Date: July 16, 2026

Time: 1:00PM—3:00PM

Location / Platform: Online Teams

Committee Chair: Lawrence Leeman, MD, MPH

Note Taker: Leslie Peterson, NMDOH Medical Psilocybin Program

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

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Attendees:

End of Life Care Committee Chair: Lawrence Leeman, MD, MPH

Department of Health Staff:

- Dominick Zurlo
- Brenda Martinez
- Robert Truckner, MD
- Jonathan Mouchet
- Jorge Gonzales
- Cyrus Rautman
- Leslie Peterson
- Raymond Gallegos
- Katy Freytag
- Adrian Estrada
- Vicente Roybal
- Rosalie Nava
- Celina Montoya
- Carmen Batista
- Katy Freytag

Participants and Public Attendees:

- Mary
- Michael Williams
- Christine Caldwell
- Denali Wilson
- Don Moser
- Lori Healy

- Jenn Clemente
- Jason Brooks
- Barak Wolff
- Kate Hawke
- Gregory Evans
- Eileen Brewer
- Hanifa Nayo Washington
- Brenda Burgard, LPCC, LSAA, ATR
- Catherine Sanchez, WCA
- Jamie Beachy
- Senator Jeff Steinborn
- Skye Rivers
- Trina Zahller
- Erika Gergerich
- Wenoah Veikley
- Northwoods Panther

Call to Order

- At 1:01PM the meeting was called to order by Dominick Zurlo.
- Dominick opened the meeting and reminded attendees of proper public meeting etiquette and the public meeting being recorded and publicly posted.

Approval of Prior Minutes

- Approved as submitted

Agenda Items

- A. End-of-Life Care Committee: Scopes and Responsibilities
 - a. Establish Definition and Scope for End-of-Life Criteria
 - b. Therapeutic Team Development
 - c. Inclusion of Family and Caregivers
 - d. Sites of End-of-Life Care
 - e. Education and Workforce Development
 - f. Development of Psilocybin Assisted Therapy End-of-Life Care Plans
 - g. Ongoing Review and Updates
- B. End-of-Life Care Committee Proposed Training Recommendations
- C. End-of-Life Care Competencies
- D. End-of-Life Care Practicum Hours
- E. End-of-Life Care Mentorship Model
- F. End-of-Life Care Education and Workforce Development
 - a. To include considerations around the potential for existential/spiritual harm with Psychedelic Assisted Therapy in the ethics section
- G. End-of-Life Care Roles: Certifying Clinician and Practitioner
- H. Supporting Psychedelic-Assisted Care at End-of-Life (SPACE) attendant role
- I. Proposed Adjunct Training in End-of-Life Psychedelic Care

- J. Discussions continue regarding the adoption of End-of-Life Psychedelic Care as a required training specialization before the program launches in December 2026.

Announcements/Updates/Public Comment Process

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Next Meetings

Advisory Board Meeting:

- Friday, July 17, 2026, 9:00am—11:00am
- Friday, August 14, 2026, 1:00pm—3:00pm

Committee Meetings:

- Training and Education-Friday July 17, 2026 @ 1:00PM—3:00PM:
Brenda Burgard, Chair
- Equity Access and Cultural Considerations-Tues. July 21, 2026 @ 3:00PM—5:00PM:
DezBaa', Chair
- Dosage Administration and Clinical Practice-Tues. July 28, 2026 @ 9:00AM—10:00AM:
Ian Dunn, Chair
- Research and Continuous Improvement-Friday August 7, 2026 @ 9:00AM—11:00AM:
Dan Jennings, Chair
- End of Life Care – Friday August 14, 2026 @ 9:00AM—11:00AM:
Larry Leeman, Chair
- Training and Education – Friday August 21, 2026 @ 9:00AM-11:00AM:
Brenda Burgard, Chair
- Research & Continuous Improvement – Friday Sept. 11, 2026 @ 9:00AM—11:00AM:
Dan Jennings, Chair
- Patient Qualification & Safety – Monday October 5, 2026 @ 9:00AM—11:00AM:
Ian Dunn, Chair

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 2:43pm

Public Comments submitted via Teams Meeting Chat or by email

- Jenn Clemente12:57 PM <https://gamma.app/docs/Proposed-Adjunct-Training-in-End-of-Life-Psychedelic-Care--yp7nqjcg8qurq3h>
- Gonzales, Jorge, DOH1:02 PM This meeting is being recorded. Please remember to keep language appropriate as the recordings are made public on the Advisory Board Website
- Sanchez, Catherine, WCA1:05 PM I'm not seeing the slides, I'm going to hop off and back in
- Zurlo, Dominick, DOH1:06 PM Are there other people who cannot see the slides?
- Sanchez, Catherine, WCA1:06 PM i can see it now.
- larryleeman1:09 PM Johnny, I sent you email to send Mary a new link
- Gregory Evans1:12 PM i came in late can someone re-paste the agenda for today? and any relevant chat messages?
- Gonzales, Jorge, DOH1:13 PM Hi Greg, Dr. Leeman did not have an agenda.
- larryleeman1:14 PM Hi Gregory Sole agenda item is Competencies and Training for EOL psychedelic care
- Gonzales, Jorge, DOH1:15 PM Here is a link Jenn posted for her presentation: <https://gamma.app/docs/Proposed-Adjunct-Training-in-End-of-Life-Psychedelic-Care--yp7nqjcg8qurq3h>
- Beachy, Jamie L.1:16 PM Would be good to include something on the potential for existential/spiritual harm with PAT in the ethics section.
- Gregory Evans1:16 PM oh nice. thank you> Larry, is Mary presenting as well here today?
- Mary1:17 PM no
- Northwoods Panther1:19 PM Apologies. Attending via phone and may have misunderstood who can prescribe for EOL care. Palliative care physician or pharmacist only? If I heard right, because palliative care medicine is a unique board certification and physicians of all specialties work with people at EOL and should have the ability to participate in offering this medicine at EOL. NPs and PAs also have prescription rights.
- Gonzales, Jorge, DOH1:20 PM See Jaime Beachy chat @ 1:16 PM
- Denali Wilson1:29 PM Hi! I think that the reference to pharmacists in Jenn's presentation was for leading the didactic on pharmacological considerations. The requirements for which licensed prescribers can participate in the Medical Psilocybin Program is currently being developed by the Department with Advisory Board input.
- Lori Healy1:35 PM Thank you Mary. I can relate as a hospice nurse, and working in research for an EOL study performing prescreens, clinical tasks, and facilitation for this population.
- Trina Zahller1:37 PM Mary, thank you for naming the difficulty of establishing boundaries in end of life work. This was one of the hardest lessons for me to learn as I began my career as a palliative care social worker. It's still one of the hardest conversations within our multidisciplinary teams when we see someone starting to overextend and burn out.
- Gregory Evans1:41 PM It is my understanding that dosage will be handled as recommendation not prescription. the Department can probably clarify where the conversation is currently at, but there won't be a prescribing physician. the Certifying Clinician will likely (still in discussion) need to have a specific type of prescribing capacity for their role, but they would not specifically be using this in the function of their role. also, the certifying clinician wouldn't necessarily be

involved in deciding the specifics of that dosage decision. ^^ needs program confirmation. this is just my understanding.

- Kate Hawke1:43 PM Definitely at least 15 hours plus supervised practice
- Zurlo, Dominick, DOH1:44 PM essentially correct Greg - the dosage will be up to the care-team, and the Dosage and Administration Committee has been developing guidance/best practices for this to recommend to the department.
- Skye Rivers, SFR1:46 PM Brenda Burgard LPCC, LSAA, ATR
- Denali Wilson1:51 PM Gotcha - so cannot be a DOH requirement, but can be an "endorsement" that patients use to choose the right provider for their unique EOL needs? Since it cannot be a track requirement, it seems even more important to have EOL didactic in the curriculum requirements for everyone.
- Brenda Burgard LPCC,LSAA,ATR1:55 PM I would like to see that as included in the hours. But that is my opinion.
- Jenn Clemente1:55 PM We have them framed as "adjunct" hours.
- Brenda Burgard LPCC,LSAA,ATR1:57 PM Good question
- Gregory Evans2:00 PM no prescription Beachy, Jamie L.
- Beachy, Jamie L.2:03 PM Thanks, Chris. I think NM could do it differently. And include spirituality more prominently.
- Kate Hawke2:07 PM Being fully present while not "doing" anything may be the most essential skill- and most challenging to train.
- Gregory Evans2:09 PM I truly believe that this is a mentored skill learned through practice and points to the need for mentorship. I am seeing a pathway for mentorship in the space of practicum experience.
- Gregory Evans2:13 PM Skye Rivers, SFR Outside of the current capacity for the Program at this moment, but absolutely, yes. not just microdosing be intermediary and low threshold protocols can absolutely support that transition. the barrier for the program is physical presence of a facilitator for the context of dosing, and the specifics of how non "therapeutic" dosing safety protocols really don't have enough data to move forward. but again. 100% absolutely and possibly with greater effect. In my humble opinion.
- Mary2:22 PM thank you for all your comments, Greg
- Michael Williams2:33 PM I hope there's a resident requirement for participants in this program, so jobs are given to established New Mexicans.
- Gregory Evans2:37 PM Pitching a new TV show idea... Psychedelic Resident: NM
- Kate Hawke2:38 PM Considering care for caregivers is essential. Also considering situations like Mary mentioned about the jealous spouse.
- Michael Williams2:39 PM ET phone home
- Brenda Burgard LPCC,LSAA,ATR2:40 PM Thank you Jenn, and Christine for your work with the presentation!
- Zurlo, Dominick, DOH2:40 PM Thank you everyone for all of the participation - it is great and so helpful!
- Jenn Clemente2:41 PM Thanks for everybody's feedback and commentary. This is bigger than all of us!
- Michael Williams2:41 PM Ditto much gratitude to all working on this
- Kate Hawke2:41 PM I'll be at the Telluride mushroom fest august 14. Providing harm reduction services
- Gregory Evans 2:41 PM Larry, you have a beautiful way of bringing these voices together. This conversation, as many others, has been deeply insightful.
- Skye Rivers, SFR2:41 PM Gratitude for all. Great meeting

- Mary2:41 PM, thank you Larry
- Kate Hawke2:42 PM Thanks everyone for a rich conversation!
- Lori Healy2:42 PM Thanks All!
- Brenda Burgard LPCC,LSAA,ATR2:42 PM Mary thank you so much
- Trina Zahller2:42 PM Thank you all! Great conversation
- Jenn Clemente2:42 PM Agreed! Thank you, Michael and Mary!
- Beachy, Jamie L.2:42 PM Thank you Mary!
- Brenda Burgard LPCC,LSAA,ATR2:42 PM Michael thank you
- Gonzales, Jorge, DOH2:43 PM

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