

Hospice and Palliative Care Association's 45th Annual Conference *with Leadership Pre Conference*

Recognizing 45 years of Advocacy in New York



Dr. Jennifer Kennedy,
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**OCT 28 - PRE CONFERENCE
OCT 29-30 2025
@ ALBANY MARRIOTT, ALBANY, NY 12205**

AGENDA

28 October 2025

8:00a - 4:30p

Pre-Con Leadership Education

BREAKFAST/ NETWORK WITH PEERS

8:00 -8:45

WELCOME - *Jeanne Chirico*

8:45-9:00

KEYNOTE - State Environmental
Landscape - *Jeanne Chirico*

9:00-10:15

Break

10:15 - 10:30

National Perspective Future of Hospice Benefit
Hillary Loeffler

10:30- 11:45

BREAK/LUNCH

11:45-1:00

Value-Based Purchasing, Palliative Care
and Payer Contracting - *Torrie Fields*

1:00 - 2:15

Break

2:15 - 2:30

A Deep Dive Into NYS Data
Bob Tavares of Health Pivots

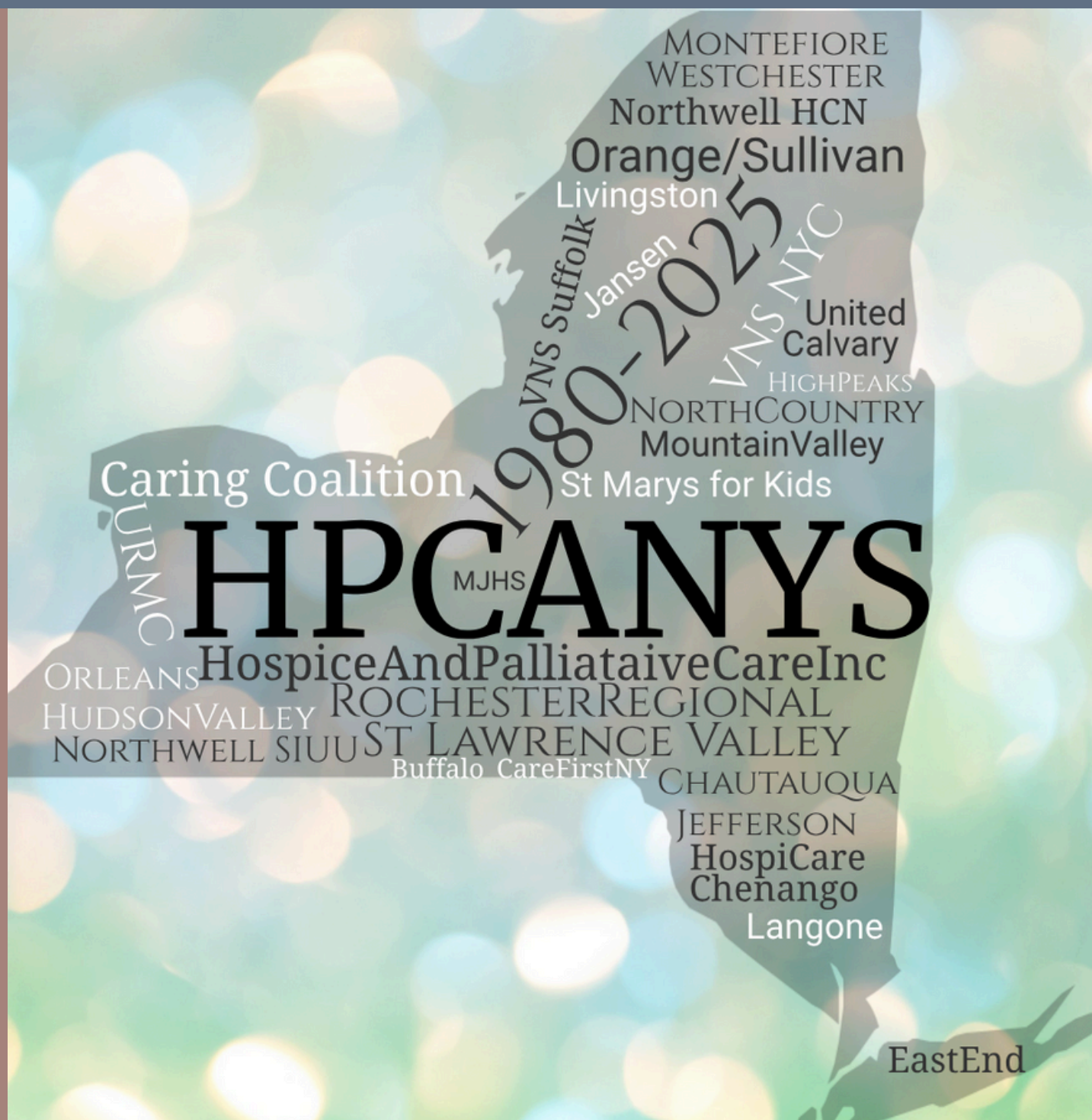
2:30 - 3:45

Innovations Roundtable & Discussion

3:45 - 4:30

29-30 October 2025

45th ANNUAL CONFERENCE AGENDA



To promote the availability and accessibility of quality hospice
and palliative care for all persons in New York State
confronted with life-limiting illness.



29 October | Wednesday

Day One | 8:00a - 4:30p

7:00a	Vendor Set Up	Foyer
7:30a - 8:15a	Conference Check in Breakfast/ Network with Peers	Foyer
8:15a – 8:45a	Welcome/Announcements	General Session Salon D/E
8:50a – 9:50a	SESSION ONE: KEYNOTE ADDRESS UPDATE ON HOPE <i>Dr. Jennifer Kennedy, EdD, BSN, RN, CHC</i>	General Session Salon D/E
9:50a – 10:05a	Break - Network with Vendors	Foyer
10:10a– 11:10a	SESSION TWO: Update & Vision for DOH OALTC Kara Travis, Director - Center for Hospice and Palliative Care at DOH	General Session Salon D/E
11:10a– 11:20a	Break - Network with Vendors	Foyer
11:25a– 12:25p	SESSION THREE: BREAKOUTS 3a - Quality Horizon - <i>Dr. Jennifer Kennedy</i> 3b - “Where In The World is Mrs. Smith and Who Gets to Bill For Her Care?” - <i>Mary Nicholson & Eva Cohen</i>	



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Day One | 8:00a - 4:30p

12:30p - 1:55p

LUNCH | Annual Business Meeting | Awards | Networking

General Session
Salon D/E



2:00p - 3:00p

SESSION FOUR: BREAKOUTS

4a -Audit Updates – Trends, Findings, and Information
You Need to Know - *Rachel Hold Weiss*

4b - Palliative Care Benefit Update - *Torrie Fields*

4c- The Role of EMS and partnerships - *Melodie Kolmetz*



3:05p - 3:15p

Break - Network with Vendors

Foyer



3:20p - 4:20p

SESSION FIVE: BREAKOUTS

5a -Breaking Down The Silos - *Kendall Johnson, LMSW*

5b - Shortages, Safety Recalls and Subscriptions: Navigating
Medication Selections When Choices Become Limited - *Dr.
Elizabeth Miles | Optum Pharmacy*

5c-The Value of PA’s in Hospice and Palliative Care: Clinical
Practice & Reimbursement - *Nadya Dimitrov, PA-C*
NYS Society of PA’s



4:30p - 6:00p

Sponsored Happy Hour

CHATS Lounge |
Hotel Bar off Lobby

30 October | Thursday

Day Two | 7:30a - 4:00p



7:30a- 8:00a	Conference Check in Breakfast/ Network with Peers	Foyer
8:00a- 8:15a	Welcome/Welcome Back / Recap	General Session Salon D/E
8:20a- 9:30a	SESSION SIX: Coping With The Unexpected: Navigating the Loss of a Leader - <i>CareFirstNY</i>	General Session Salon D/E
9:30a - 9:45a	Break / Network with Vendors	
9:50a - 10:50a	SESSION SEVEN: BREAKOUTS 7a - What I wish I Would Have Known as a New Case Manager - <i>Lisa Rizzo</i> 7b - The Fave Five: Five Drugs a Hospice Pharmacist Wants You To Know About - with <i>Michelle Mikus,</i> <i>RPh</i> 7c -Professional Boundaries for Hospice Employees - <i>Jordyn Raysor, LMSW</i>	
10:55a - 12:15p	SESSION EIGHT: KEYNOTE ADDRESS A Physician’s Perspective on MAID/ Death With Dignity <i>Dr. Jeremy Boal</i>	General Session Salon D/E
12:15p - 1:30p	LUNCH BUFFET Raffles Networking with Vendors	General Session Salon D/E

30 October | Thursday

Day Two (con't)



1:30p - 2:30p

SESSION NINE: SURVEY DEFICIENCY TRENDS AND HOW TO AVOID THEM - Millie Ferriter, NYS DOH

General Session
Salon D/E

2:25p- 3:25p

SESSION TEN: Breakouts

10a - GIP and CC Documentation - *Mary Nicholson, HealthLink*

10b- Wound Care Program Model - *Charles Tilley, MJHS*

3:30p - 4:00p

Wrap Up with Jeanne Chirico, CEO

General Session
Salon D/E