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LIVING WITH GRIEF®: “DIVERSITY AND END-OF-LIFE CARE”
Ramapo College of New Jersey to Host Hospice Foundation of America’s
16th Annual Teleconference

MAHWAH - Ramapo College of New Jersey will broadcast the 16th Annual National Bereavement Teleconference in April. The topic of this year’s teleconference will be “*Diversity and End-of-Life Care.*” The teleconference will examine how diversity influences end-of-life decision-making and the impact that culture has at the time of death and during bereavement. Professionals and community members are invited to attend; admission is free.

Dr. Kathleen L. Fowler, a professor at Ramapo College who is certified in thanatology and is Ramapo’s site coordinator says, “The special vulnerability and stress faced by people at the end-of-life, and by family and caregivers journeying with them, highlights the urgency to provide culturally competent and sensitive care.”

Frank Sesno, professor of Media and Public Affairs at The George Washington University and a correspondent with CNN, will moderate a panel of authorities that include Samira K. Beckwith, president and CEO of Hope Hospice and Community Services; Sandy Chen Stokes, executive director, Chinese American Coalition for

Compassionate Care; Kenneth J. Doka, professor of Gerontology, Graduate School of the College of New Rochelle; Wanda H. Jenkins, bereavement services manager, Vitas; Richard Payne, director, Institute on Care at the End of Life, Duke University; Paul Rosenblatt, professor, College of Education and Human Development, University of Minnesota; and Carlos Sandoval-Cros, a reverend at St. Simon's Episcopal Church who is also a psychiatrist in private practice.

Each year the Hospice Foundation of America (HFA) presents this nationally-recognized distance-learning program live via satellite and Web cast to more than 125,000 people in 2,000 communities. The program will provide an opportunity for a wide variety of professionals including doctors, nurses, funeral directors, psychologists, educators, social workers and bereavement counselors to share and exchange ideas and obtain continuing education credits.

The teleconference will be broadcast Wednesday, April 29 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Ramapo College will host the broadcast followed by a discussion in SC-136 and 137 in the Robert A. Scott Student Center on campus. The program is free and open to the public. Registration begins at 1 p.m. For more information, please call Diana Alspach at 201.684.7625.

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