

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2024	
11:00 am	Registration with refreshment and break service
11:50 am	Welcome and Introductions Carrie Stott, PhD, LSW and Jody Stockdill
12:00 – 12:50 pm	Consortium Ethics Program – Commemorating 35 Years Cultivating a Culture of Community Panel: Mark Aulisio, PhD, Case Western Reserve Michael Deem, PhD, University of Pittsburgh Mark Kuczewski, PhD, Loyola University Rosa Lynn Pinkus, PhD, University of Pittsburgh (retired) Moderated by: Denise Stahl, MSN
12:50 – 1:50 pm	The More Things Change... A Look at the Development of Clinical Ethics Through the Lens of <i>An Ethics Casebook for Hospitals</i> Mark Kuczewski, PhD, HEC-C Loyola University Chicago Abstract: An Ethics Casebook for Hospitals (1999) grew from an educational exercise conducted with the original CEP hospital representative in the early 1990s. The book therefore holds potential insights into the ethical issues and organizational and social context of that era. We will explore several cases with an eye to determining what kinds of cases and ethical issues remain ongoing challenges and how organizational context may have evolved. We will also look at the contrast with the second edition (2018) and its greater emphasis on the development of ethics consultation skills.
1:50 – 2:00 pm	Break
2:00 – 3:00 pm	Trauma and Resilience in All its Forms Maggie Feinstein, LPC Director, 10.27 Healing Partnership Abstract: During this session we will explore the meaning trauma as a means to better understand what is healing and resilience. The focus of this time will be to name and understand the universality of being impacted by trauma and how we can start to use this understanding to shift thinking around healing.
3:00 – 2:10 pm	Break
3:10 – 4:10 pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS: 1A: The Challenges of Caring for People with Co-Morbid Mental Illness: Vivian’s Story - a love story about two sisters and a horror story about the health care system Denise Stahl, MSN Vice President, Elara Caring Abstract: this talk will explore the evolving landscape of healthcare delivery through the lens of Vivian’s family’s experiences, focusing on the intersection of psychiatric/behavioral health and medical care. The objectives are threefold: first, to recognize how shifts in population demographics and societal influences necessitate enhanced collaboration between psychiatric and medical care providers; second, to identify specific barriers to accessing quality healthcare for individuals with serious mental illness; and third, to define key principles of integrated care that can be applied across diverse healthcare settings to improve outcomes for patients with co-morbid mental and medical conditions. By examining these objectives, this talk will seek to highlight the importance of a cohesive, patient-centered approach in managing complex health needs and to propose strategies for overcoming existing challenges in integrated care. 1B: Utilizing a Trauma-informed Approach in Clinical Ethics Aimee Zellers, PhD Carlow University Abstract: This session will provide an overview of how a trauma-informed lens can enhance clinical ethics practice and clinical ethics education, specifically for vulnerable populations. Applying a trauma-informed lens brings many benefits that help expand our understanding of interpersonal communication and sense of cultural awareness. Specific examples of trafficked individuals and immigrants will be explored to demonstrate how to enhance clinical ethics with this lens.
4:15 – 5:15 pm	Dangerous Dynamics of Healthcare Professional and Patient-Parent Communication in Hard Cases Mark Aulisio, PhD

	Case Western Reserve Abstract: During this session we will discuss the primary ethical standards for decision-making in obstetrics and gynecology and related areas such as labor and delivery, perinatology, and neonatology. We will explore the underlying moral and political basis for these standards and their implications for health professional-patient/parent communication. Through a detailed consideration of a tragic case, we will discuss some of the dangerous dynamics that emerge in difficult cases, creating barriers to effective communication; and describe practical strategies to avoid these dynamics and overcome barriers, thereby enhancing communication between health professionals and patients/parents.
5:15 pm	Adjourn for the Day
8:00 – 10:00 pm	OPTIONAL: Casual evening gathering (families welcome) – more details to follow

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2024	
8:15 am	Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:30 – 9:30 am	The Power of Narratives: How Humanities Impacts Patient Care Andrew Thurston, MD, FAAHPM UPMC Mercy Abstract: The medical humanities, an interdisciplinary field integrating insights from the humanities and social sciences into medicine, has evolved significantly from its early philosophical roots to a well-established academic discipline. During this talk we will examine the role of medical humanities and narrative medicine in contemporary healthcare, emphasizing their contributions to enhancing patient care through improved empathy, communication, and understanding of the human condition. A review of existing literature and empirical data underscores the benefits of narrative medicine, including improved patient outcomes, enhanced clinical skills, and reduced professional burnout. We will also explore future directions for the field, including deeper integration into medical education, the application of digital technologies, and the incorporation of global perspectives. Finally, we will discuss the importance of sharing and listening to stories as a central practice in both medical humanities and narrative medicine, fostering greater connection and understanding between patients and healthcare professionals.
9:30 – 10:30 am	Using Futures Literacy to Reimagine Integrated Care Carrie Stott, PhD, LSW Carlow University and the University of Pittsburgh Abstract: Integrated care aims to promote well-coordinated systems of care that provide both medical and behavioral health services to address the whole person and entire community. Effective integrated care generates more ethical practices and improved health outcomes. This interactive 60-minute presentation will begin with a brief explanation of the benefits of integrated care and contrast it to the fragmented care that is most common in healthcare today. Then a thought experiment will be conducted to empower participants to use the future to reinvent the present potential of more integrated systems of care.
10:40 – 11:40 am	CONCURRENT SESSIONS: 2A: Caring for & With Our Immigrant Neighbors: History, Strategy and Resources Mark Kuczewski, PhD, HEC-C Loyola University Chicago Abstract: Immigration is a complex topic about which most Americans know little. Meanwhile, it is often used opportunistically by politicians who distort the everyday realities. I will sort through some of the complexities of our immigration system by considering the history of immigration policy in the US and how it has resulted in various categories of immigrants. We'll see how our patchwork health-care system tries to address their needs. I will provide basic pointers to help us serve these neighbors in a more caring and efficient manner. 2B: Building a Reflective Space – Understanding How Consultant Moral Instincts Can Be Used to Improve Ethics Services Amy VanDyke, MSW, LSW, PhD Catholic Social Services, Columbus OH Abstract: Providing quality ethics consultation services requires that the consultant be able to identify his or her own relevant moral values and intuitions including how these might influence the process or analysis of an ethics

	consultation. This interactive session will provide participants an opportunity to explore, reflect thoughtfully, and gain an understanding of their personal moral values, intuitions, and biases. Participants will be guided through various images, works of art, and literary passages to elicit underlying moral instincts which may have bearing on ethics consultation services.
11:45 – 12:45 pm	<p>CONCURRENT SESSIONS:</p> <p>3A: Trauma informed motivational interviewing Maggie Feinstein, LPC 10.27 Healing Partnership</p> <p>Abstract: Utilizing the skills that are emphasized through motivational interviewing, we will do some practice in how to hone compassion and empathic listening skills with people who may have diverse ways of processing information and defending themselves against the world because of their past experiences. Learning objectives- Review some of the core elements of motivational interviewing. Use vignette-based learning to see how this may be applied to difficult situations in medical ethics. Learn how to name ways that behavior can be adaptive and not functional.</p> <p>3B: Putting the “Care” Back in Healthcare: AI, Medicine, and Ethics Mark Aulisio, PhD Case Western Reserve</p> <p>Overview: Technological advancements in medicine have historically resulted in work creation and hyper specialization. As this has happened, the role of "care" in healthcare has sadly diminished. AI promises to be a radically different type of technology, a work-reducing or even work-eliminating type of technology. If this is so, what will this mean for the future of healthcare practice? Will we eventually no longer need humans in healthcare? In this presentation, we will discuss how the emergence of artificial intelligence, AI, in clinical medicine presents a momentous opportunity to transform healthcare by bringing “care” back to the center of healthcare and the role that clinical and organizational ethics might play in that transformation.</p>
12:45 – 1:15 pm	Lunch
1:15 – 2:15 pm	<p>What Kind of Good is health care? Alex John London, PhD Carnegie Mellon University</p> <p>Abstract: This talk will explore the ongoing debate surrounding the classification of health care within the broader context of societal goods. It delves into various arguments regarding whether health care holds a unique status that justifies universally accessible, socially supported provisions. By examining the interplay between health, health care, and social opportunity, this talk situates the discussion within the framework of the social determinants of health literature and seeks to elucidate how access to health care influences broader social outcomes and the extent to which health care should be prioritized as a public good.</p>
2:15 – 3:15 pm	<p>Moral Distress: Coping with Difficult Situations and Decisions Aimee Zellers, PhD Carlow University</p> <p>Abstract: This session will explore the causes and dimensions of moral distress and burnout in the clinical setting. Current trends will be evaluated, and mitigation techniques will be provided to equip providers with the resources and skills necessary to address and avoid distress and burnout.</p>
3:15 pm	Adjourn for the Day
	OGLEBAY’S FALL FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL - all day from 11:00 am – 9:00 pm – open to all guests – free to enter. Visit: https://oglebay.com/fall-food-truck-festival/ for more information

SUNDAY	
8:15 AM	Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:30 – 9:30 am	A Symptom of Being Human: Exploring Several Years of Pandemic Residue on the Health of Immigrants as Shared Through Their Stories

	<p><u>Amy VanDyke, MSW, LSW, PhD</u> Catholic Social Services, Columbus OH</p> <p>Abstract: This session will explore the intimate stories of being an immigrant new to the mid-west during the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent endemic. These compelling stories of trauma, resilience, tragedy, and fear will highlight uncommon lived experiences and their impact on health as told to care providers. Sharing these stories is intended to invite participants into further exploration of ethical responses across the continuum of care from community to hospital, and back to the community.</p> <p>Sharing these poignant stories will engage participants in concepts relevant to ethical care including cultural humility, the impact of client gender roles, and appropriate ethical responses from social service providers, medical providers, therapists and others. Discussion will include changes made by service providers to become more trauma informed in order to respond more compassionately and ethically to these complex human circumstances.</p>
9:30 – 10:30 am	<p>CONCURRENT SESSIONS:</p> <p>4A: Service Through Presence: Attending to Patients’ Spiritual Needs and Values at the End of Life <u>Michael Deem, PhD</u></p> <p>Abstract: This presentation will consider the place that spiritual and religious values play in the lives of patients. It will begin by considering whether spiritual identity and values are distinct from emotional expression and moral values. Using examples from hospice care, it will consider when, in end-of-life contexts, it is appropriate for clinicians, chaplains, and clinical ethicists to attend to a patient’s spiritual needs. Finally, the presentation will consider as how religious or pastoral care might complement other modes of care.</p> <p>4B: Exploring Provider/Patient Bias through Art and Literature: A Reflective Exercise <u>Andrew Thurston, MD</u> UPMC-Mercy, Palliative Care</p> <p>Abstract: Narrative medicine is often used to teach reflection, empathy and other skills to healthcare professionals. This session will explore perceptions of provider/patient bias in medicine and its influence on patient care through the use of art and literature to explore how life influences art and vice versa.</p>
10:30 – 10:45 am	Break
10:45 - Noon	<p>It’s Not Just What We Do...It Is Who We Are: When Doing What We Love Starts to Hurt and There Are Tears in Our Eyes <u>Denise Stahl, MSN</u> Vice President, Elara Caring</p> <p>Abstract: This presentation will address key aspects of professional caregiving through a multifaceted exploration of personal and clinical experiences and will reflect upon personal experiences that shape and inform clinical practice, discussing the inherent risks associated with professional caregiving, and differentiating between grief, compassion fatigue, and burnout. We will explore the symptoms of grief, compassion fatigue, and burnout, and enumerate interventions and support systems for self-care and compassion. By providing a comprehensive understanding of these elements, this presentation will seek to enhance the well-being and resilience of caregivers as they navigate the challenges of grief and loss in their professional roles.</p>
12:00 – 12:10	Wrap Up and Evaluation
12:10	Conference Adjournment