

**Informational Hearing  
of the  
Assembly Aging & Long-Term Care Committee**

**A Matter of Life and Death: What are the Choices?**

Tuesday, February 19, 2013  
State Capitol, Room 126  
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**Welcome and Opening Remarks**

- **Assemblymember Mariko Yamada, Chair**, Assembly Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care.

**I. Reflections on End of Life in California** – A Presentation of Findings from the California Healthcare Foundation's February 2012 report entitled "Final Chapter: Californians' Attitudes and Experiences with Death and Dying."

- **Kate O'Malley, RN, MS** Senior Program Officer, California Healthcare Foundation
- **Jim McGregor, MD**, Board Member, Coalition for Compassionate Care of California

**II. Expressing and Exercising End-of-Life Care Options:** presentations on the growth and expansion of home-based end-of-life care, the complexities of planning for end-of-life care, and a successful innovation in Wisconsin.

- **Carol Wood, COO Inland Empire Home Health and Hospice** —Options and services for end-of-life care and emerging trends: *Home Care, Hospice, modes of delivery, also deficiencies, and recommended improvements.*
- **Rebecca Sudore, MD**, Associate Professor of Medicine, University of California San Francisco. Improving advance care planning and medical decision making for those with limited health literacy.
- **Lynn Flint, MD**, Staff Physician at Community Living Center, San Francisco Veterans Administration. The VA hospice and palliative care model.
- **John Maycroft, M.P.P.**, Director of Policy Development and Initiatives, Wisconsin Medical Society: Honoring Choices Wisconsin: advance care planning as a standard part of patient care.

**III. Consumers and end-of-life choices:** strengthening and expanding protections and options.

- **Amy Sugimoto**, Executive Director, ALS Society of Greater Sacramento. Patient's voices on end-of-life options and choices.
- **Carolyn A. Brent**, MBA, and Author: Planning emotionally, financially, and legally for a parent's care and death.
- **Doug Someya Reed**, Consumer Advocate—State oversight of and enforcement of licensed services and care.
- **Diana Leon, JD**, Litigation Attorney, Legal Services for Seniors, Monterey County. Avoiding common pitfalls of advance directives.

**IV. Other States and Other Countries**

- **Michael White** -- Attorney, speaker --other states, and other countries.

**V. Public Testimony**