



Kootenai Health
INNOVATIVE MODELS to SOLVE RURAL PALLIATIVE CARE ISSUES:
 HELPING PATIENTS TO WRITE THEIR OWN STORIES



"YOU'RE BEGINNING YOUR JOURNEY..."
 "TAKE SOLACE in the TREES... the SKY... the WATER..."
 "PRAY WITH A FEATHER IN YOUR HAND"

I WANT TO DIE at HOME. I WANT TO DIE OUTSIDE...

I want to DO the things I LIKE TO DO like TRAVEL.

- 50 YEAR OLD GRANDMOTHER, with STAGE 4 LUNG CANCER
- FIGHTING the DIAGNOSIS but ALSO MAKING A PLACE IN THE WORLD FOR HER GRANDDAUGHTER
- WOULD LIKE TO "WALK THE JOURNEY" IN ACCORDANCE WITH NATIVE TRADITION
- "I WANT TO BE A BEACON OF LOVE."
- RECENTLY RETIRED VETERINARIAN
- STAGE 4 PANCREATIC CANCER
- BEGINNING TREATMENT, BUT HE WANTS TO DO THINGS HE LIKES TO DO AS LONG AS HE IS ABLE.
- "WHEN I DIE, I WANT TO DIE FAST."

NORMALIZE the CULTURE of DYING...

PALLIATIVE CARE:
 It's all ABOUT LISTENING to **PATIENT Stories!**

- INDIVIDUALIZATION of CARE
- WHAT IS QUALITY to THEM? - Patient-centered.
- "What do YOU NEED?" - ASK THE RIGHT QUESTIONS.

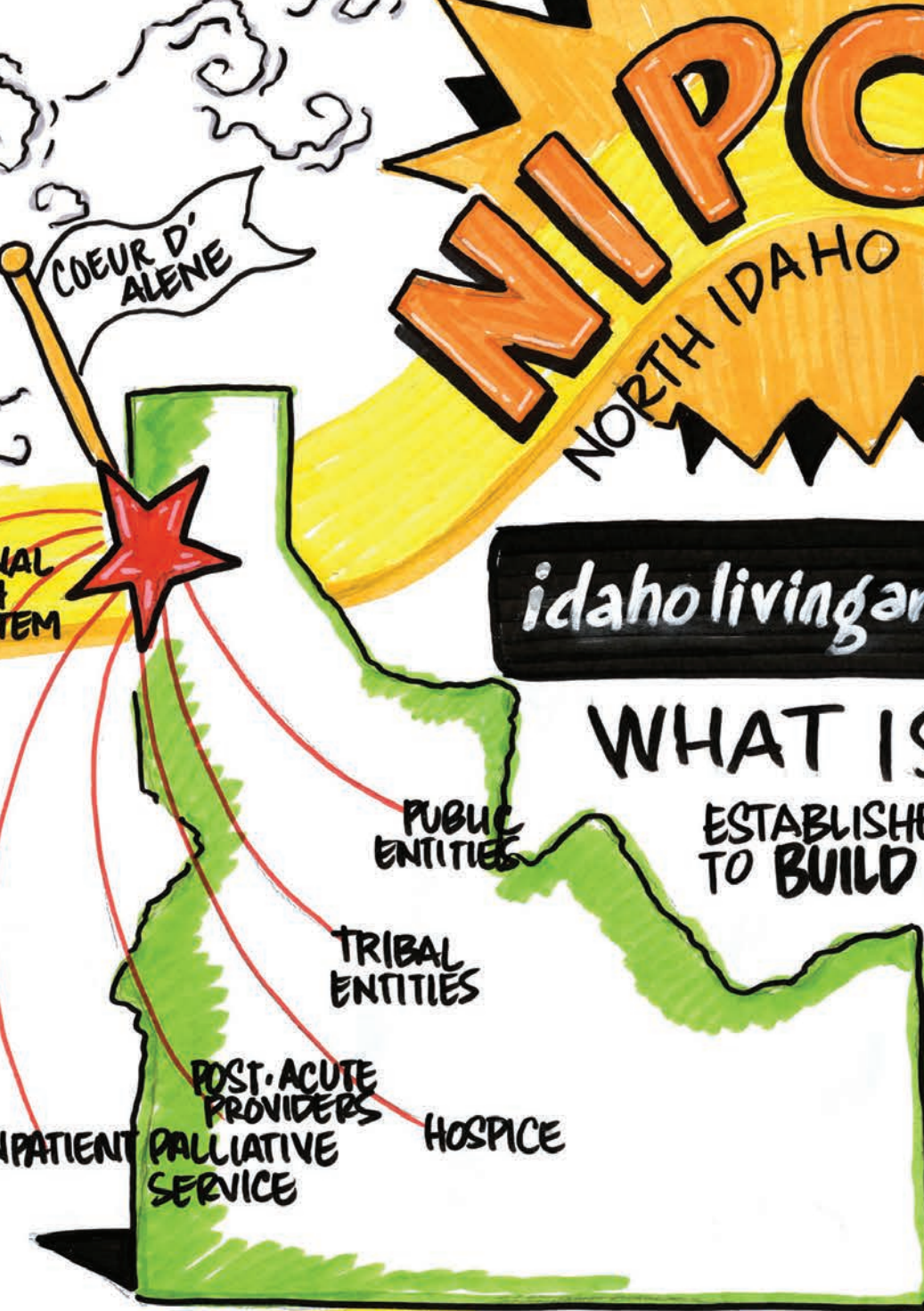
HOPE... BUT PLAN.

- ADVANCED CARE PLANNING
- EDUCATION AND MARKETING MATERIALS
- REGIONAL EVENTS

BE PRESENT. WITNESS the SUFFERING.

NORTH IDAHO is a COMMUNITY where people are EMPOWERED to MAKE KNOWLEDGEABLE CHOICES...
 ...that are SHARED, RESPECTED, and HONORED...
 ...about LIVING and DYING WELL.

NIPCC
 NORTH IDAHO PALLIATIVE CARE COALITION



- REGIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM
- CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS
- OUTPATIENT PALLIATIVE CLINIC
- INPATIENT PALLIATIVE SERVICE
- POST-ACUTE PROVIDERS
- HOSPICE
- PUBLIC ENTITIES
- TRIBAL ENTITIES

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WHAT IS THE NIPCC?

ESTABLISHED IN JANUARY 2018 TO BUILD A STANDARDIZED APPROACH to PALLIATIVE CARE in FIVE NORTHERN, RURAL IDAHO COUNTIES.

- OUTPATIENT PALLIATIVE CARE
- INPATIENT PALLIATIVE CARE
- HOME HEALTH
- SKILLED NURSING
- HOSPICE

IDENTIFYING THE CHALLENGES

- TRAVEL DISTANCES
- SHORTAGE of QUALIFIED STAFF and CAREGIVERS
- FINANCIAL REIMBURSEMENT
- LIMITED KNOWLEDGE about the BENEFITS of PALLIATIVE CARE

WE NEED MEDICAL COMMUNITY BUY-IN.

OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE...

- EDUCATION to PROVIDERS and PATIENTS about the ROLE of PALLIATIVE CARE in the CONTINUUM of CARE
- STANDARDIZATION of ADVANCE DIRECTIVES and WORKFLOW for TRANSITIONS of CARE
- CREATIVE STAFFING MODELS to SUPPORT END-OF-LIFE DISCUSSIONS
- UTILIZE TELEHEALTH CAPABILITIES
- LEVERAGE TECHNOLOGY
- PALLIATIVE CARE PARTNERSHIP ACROSS THE REGION

DEATH: THE FINAL ACT of LIVING...

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