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Westchester People on the Move

Kate Colburn



Kate Colburn, Executive Director of Hospice & Palliative Care of Westchester, offers patients something that she feels very strongly about -- quality end-of-life care. Colburn not only oversees the management of the White Plains-based non-profit hospice program, but she ensures that the program's patients receive the care and attention they need during their last days and months. Her responsibilities include budget and policy development, strategic planning, management team supervision, and human resources oversight.

Colburn has dedicated her career to hospice care. Prior to joining Hospice & Palliative Care of Westchester, she served as executive director of Hospice of Central Iowa in Des Moines, Iowa and Hospice Care, Inc., in Stoneham, Massachusetts. She continued her work as principal for Palliative Care Options in Kings Park, New York, where she developed tools to assess compliance for home care and hospice programs.

In addition, she has formulated and presented workshops on hospice and palliative care and was a keynote speaker at the First East-West International Conference on Hospice Care in Tianjin, China. She spoke on the evolution of hospice in the United States and how hospice in China may develop differently.

Kate Colburn received her Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and her Master of Arts in Psychology and Applied Analysis of Behavior from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. She has completed courses in public policy and business administration at Iowa State University and at the University of Northern Iowa.

The author of numerous articles on hospice care, Colburn has been recognized for her leadership in the field by the National Association for Home Care & Hospice and Who's Who in Health Care in America.