

## **ODH Seeking Nominees for Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Council**

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) is seeking nominees to serve on the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Council. The 133<sup>rd</sup> Ohio General Assembly created the Council in 2019 to “Consult with and advise the (ODH) director on matters related to the establishment, maintenance, operation, and evaluation of palliative care initiatives in this state” and related purposes.

Ohio Revised Code [Section 3701.36](#) provides details about the Council, including its responsibilities and the composition of its members who are appointed by the ODH Director. The Council may have up to 20 members who represent designated professions or constituencies, including physicians, physician assistants, advanced practice registered nurses who are certified as a clinical nurse specialist or certified nurse practitioner, registered nurses and licensed practical nurses, pharmacists, psychologists, licensed professional clinical counselors or licensed professional counselors, social workers, marriage and family therapists, child life specialists, clergy or spiritual advisors, exercise physiologists, health insurers, patients, and family caregivers.

The Council’s membership also may include employees of agencies that administer programs pertaining to palliative care or are otherwise concerned with the delivery of palliative care in Ohio. The Council’s membership must include individuals who have worked with various age groups, including children and the elderly. It also must include individuals who have experience or expertise in various palliative care delivery models, including acute care, long-term care, hospice care, home health agency services, home-based care, and spiritual care. At least two members must be physicians who are board-certified in hospice and palliative care.

The Council meets at least twice each year with an in-person or virtual option.

“The Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Council is seeking new members from across Ohio who have worked with various age groups and who come from a variety of disciplines as outlined in the Ohio Revised Code,” said Andrea Denning, Chief of the ODH Bureau of Regulatory Operations, which provides staffing support for the Council. “The Council’s discussions are much more informed by a strong interdisciplinary membership.”

Medical providers and other professionals who meet the criteria outlined in Ohio Revised Code Section 3701.36 and who are interested in being considered for appointment to the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Council, should submit their CV and a short statement explaining their interest to [andrea.denning@odh.ohio.gov](mailto:andrea.denning@odh.ohio.gov) **no later than Wednesday, April 30, 2025**. After ODH reviews all nominees, the agency will notify each about whether they will receive an appointment. Please submit any questions to the above email address.