Greater Hamilton Health Network

Building community health together.

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Dear Hamilton, Haldimand and Niagara Northwest Communities,

On October 31, The Greater Hamilton Health Network (GHHN) Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) Steering Committee is hosting a public event focusing on Assisted Dying in Canada. We are pleased to be joined by a national expert and leader in this field, Dr. Stefanie Green, the President of the Canadian Association of MAiD Assessors and Providers. Dr. Green will be giving a public talk, as well as offering some readings from her book This is Assisted Dying – documenting her personal story of empowering individuals at the end of life, and chronicling her own experience of becoming involved in this important work.

Locally, there are several teams serving our communities assessing and offering Assisted Dying since it became legal in Canada in 2016. The Greater Hamilton Health Network has taken a leadership role to guide the development of this practice in our community through the GHHN MAiD Steering Committee. This group represents many of the stakeholders in our community directly and indirectly involved in MAiD practice. Some of these organizations include the Hamilton Family Health Team, Hamilton Health Sciences, and the Department of Family Medicine at McMaster University.

One of the most important growing aspects of our work is providing opportunities for our communities to engage in open and honest conversation about Assisted Dying, to provide accurate information and answer the numerous questions that arise. Likewise, we welcome the opportunity to hear the voices of members of our community that offer experience and reflections on how MAiD has or might impact their lives through this event and future events.

Having the opportunity to hear from Dr. Green while reflecting on our own journey in Hamilton will provide a unique opportunity for us as a community to grow together and continue to move forward in this next phase of MAiD practice, well grounded in the National situation and our own goals and directions.

REGISTER HERE to sign up to attend this FREE IN PERSON event. Have questions? Email us at info@ghhn.ca

Sincerely,

Dr. Katalin Ivanyi and Dr. Pat Smith
Co-Chairs, GHHN MAiD Steering Committee