Organizational Structure

The NCP consists of 3 subgroups:

1. **NCP Consortium Organizations**: Five national professional organizations devoted to palliative care that joined in a national consortium to support, oversee and ensure the success of the NCP.

2. **NCP Steering Committee**: A twenty-person group composed of four representatives of each of the five consortium organizations. It is charged with developing and making operational the project’s organizational structure; fund raising to support the work; defining the scope of the document and writing drafts for iterative review and edit by principal stakeholders; oversight of the administrative and fiscal management of the project; and assuring an appropriate and comprehensive communication strategy for dissemination and implementation of the resulting document. An executive team designated by the steering committee coordinates administration.

3. **NCP Advisory Committee**: This one hundred-plus person Advisory Committee includes many of the nation’s leaders in the interdisciplinary field of palliative care. They were identified by their peers in a national mail nominations process that occurred over the past year. The role of the Advisory Committee is to serve as the peer review of the documents to ensure input from a interdisciplinary, diverse palliative care community.
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