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Terry Altilio, LCSW

Palliative Social Worker

Terry Altilio is a Palliative Social Worker with 34 years direct practice experience most recently in the Division of Palliative Care at Mt Sinai Beth Israel. She is a recipient of a Mayday Pain and Society Fellowship Award 2006 and a Social Work Leadership Award from the Open Society Institute's Project on Death in America (PDIA) which supported the first palliative social work fellowship and a listserv currently networking over 800 social workers. In 2013, Terry received the PDIA Career Achievement Award. She lectures nationally and internationally and in masters and post masters programs at NYU, Smith, Fordham and California State University on topics such as pain management, ethics, language and psychosocial issues. She has co-authored publications and is co-editor of the Oxford Textbook of Palliative Social Work, Palliative Care – A Guide for Health Social Workers and the Second edition of the Oxford Text of Palliative Social Work to be published in January 2022.

Lailea Noel, PhD

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Lailea Noel, PhD is Assistant Professor at the Steve Hicks School of Social Work at The University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Noel holds a courtesy appointment as Assistant Professor of Oncology and Health Social Work, co-chairs the Health Equity in Research Workgroup and serves on the Livestrong Cancer Institutes' Clinical and Prevention Research Workgroup at the Dell Medical School at UT. Dr. Noel is a Health Equity Scholar with the American Psychosocial Oncology Society (APOS) and Director Elect of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee of the Association of Oncology Social Workers (AOSW). Dr. Noel has an extensive practice background with 20 years of health administration experience in the field of oncology and non-profit management. Her research interests seeks to connect communities most impacted by cancer disparities with cancer care services. She has a wealth of experience engaging communities, social scientists, and medical professionals in such research pursuits.

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Phylicia L. Woods, JD, MSW, is the Executive Director of the Cancer Policy Institute (CPI) at the Cancer Support Community where she is responsible for all aspects of the CPI including legislative, regulatory, policy, and research priorities. She primarily focuses on health disparities, psychosocial care, emerging sciences, and clinical trials. Previously, Ms. Woods was a Director of Federal Relations at the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, where she developed and executed strategies to ensure that federal legislation promoted access to preventive services and quality, affordable care for people impacted by cancer. Formerly, Ms. Woods was Counsel to Former U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill. Before working in the Senate, Ms. Woods served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in eSwatini (Swaziland) and a Legislative Assistant to Former U.S. Congressman Russ Carnahan.