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Cambia Health Foundation Honors Two OHSU Leaders with Sojourns Award
Susan Hedlund, MSW, and Erik K. Fromme, MD, each receive a $50,000 Sojourns Award for palliative care innovation and leadership

The Cambia Health Foundation awarded Susan Hedlund, MSW, LCSW, OSW-C, Manager of the Patient & Family Support Services, and Erik K. Fromme, M.D., Palliative Care Service Medical Director, both of the Knight Cancer Institute at Oregon Health & Science University, with Sojourns Awards for their leadership and commitment to innovation in the field of palliative care.

The award comes with a $50,000 grant, which Hedlund will dedicate to the Knight Cancer Institute Patient Support Services and Dr. Fromme to the Palliative Care Service at OHSU.

As one of the leading palliative care social workers in the nation, Ms. Hedlund’s impact and leadership can be seen through her work as the Manager of the Patient & Family Support Services for the Knight Cancer Institute. Her many published works include chapters in the widely used Oxford Textbook of Palliative Social Work and Handbook of Health Care Social Work, impacting how the next generation of palliative care social workers are trained. Her many awards and leadership positions include serving on the Oregon Task Force to Improve the Care of Terminally Ill Oregonians, past president of the Association of Oncology Social Workers and the Quality of Life Award from American Cancer Society.

Oregon’s first fellowship trained palliative care physician, Dr. Fromme established Oregon’s first out-patient palliative care clinic at the Knight Cancer Institute. Under his leadership palliative care has become one of the largest consult services at OHSU. Dr. Fromme’s innovation in education, practice and policy has made an impact on palliative care at a national level. He has also made great contributions to the state of Oregon through his support and mentorship of virtually every palliative care program and providing palliative care continuing education to over 2,000 clinicians in the state. Among his many leadership positions, he has served on the National Palliative Medicine Review Committee and is the primary author of the Oregon POLST “At Work” video.
About Cambia Health Foundation
Cambia Health Foundation is the corporate foundation of Cambia Health Solutions, a total health solutions company dedicated to transforming the way people experience the health care system. A 501(c)3 grantmaking organization, the foundation partners with organizations to create a more person-focused and economically sustainable health care system. Through its Sojourns program, the foundation also works to enhance quality, improve access, advance innovation and facilitate conversations about palliative care and end-of-life issues. For more information, visit http://cambiahealthfoundation.org/ or www.twitter.com/cambiahealthfdn.