

SPIRITUAL CARE CONSULTANTS, INC.

Executive Summary

Spiritual Care Consultants of West Michigan was formed September 2007 around a Bible study at Pennock Hospital in Hastings, Michigan. Troy Carlson, M.D. of Family Tree Medical was expressing a great need that he was seeing within his practice. There were many patients who were having spiritual issues that were impacting their physical wellness and he did not know what to do. That is when the idea of having a spiritual care consultant in the practice came to be. The need was great because in September 2007 Thornapple Valley Church had done a survey of the Hastings area and found that fifty percent of the people did not attend church, but this did not mean they were not spiritual. With the recent economic challenges and all the people out of work and uninsured, Spiritual Care Consultant's existence is even more important. With such a great need we felt that this service would be good for not only the physicians' offices but also, for the corporations in the communities we serve.

The Board of Directors of Spiritual Care Consultants determined at the onset that this would be a free service to people who needed help.

Our vision is the transformation of Individual's health and wellness through spiritual Care. Our mission is to develop an individual's short term and long term spiritual care plan. We assist in an individual's physical and emotional recovery by connecting him/her to faith, strengthening any existing ties between the individual and church community. We are a support to the medical and corporate community across West Michigan. We are a start-up organization verging on adolescence.

A patient receives three to six free spiritual care counseling sessions and we collaborate with other resources for help with food, rent, shelter or other things they might be in need of. We meet with our clients' in different doctors' offices around the area. We currently have offices in Hastings, Battle Creek and Grand Rapids and we have developed four tools to evaluate the effectiveness of our services.

We are supported by corporations, foundations, churches and individuals including: Battle Creek Community Foundation, Pennock Foundation, Hastings Mutual Chartable Foundation, Flexfab, Family Tree Medical, Family Health Center, South West Michigan Eye Center, Thornapple Valley Church, First Presbyterian Church, Hastings Assembly of God and more.

We could not do what we do if it were not for our twenty one invaluable volunteers. We have eighteen consultants who volunteer their time to meet with clients. The consultant team is comprised of pastors, social workers, counselors and missionaries. Each has been interviewed and background and referenced checked. They are experts in their fields and do a great job at what they do. We also, have two secretaries who do the administrative work

Spiritual Care Consultants of West Michigan was founded on the values of wellness, integrity, excellence, compassion, leadership, stewardship, confidentiality and servant- hood to humanity.

The Board of Directors is comprised of professionals who are experts in the fields of medicine, spirituality, social work, business, finance, child abuse prevention and grant writing. We are a great team and plan to have a lasting impact on the health and wellness of communities we serve.