**Intensive Bioethics Course virtual Agenda**

April 17-21, 2023

PLEASE NOTE TIMES BELOW ARE CENTRAL STANDARD TIME (CST)

Monday, April 17, 2023

10:00 a.m. **Welcoming Remarks**

*Janet Malek, PhD*

**Center Welcome**

*Amy L. McGuire, JD, PhD*

10:15 a.m. **Course Introduction**

*Janet Malek, PhD*

10:30 a.m. **The Ethics Work-Up**

*Janet Malek, PhD*

The Ethics Work-Up, developed by Center faculty, is a structured tool that is intended to stimulate moral and self-reflection and to provide intellectual structure and practical guidance to the responsible management of ethical challenges in clinical care.

12:00 p.m. **Lunch Break**

1:00 p.m. **End-of-Life Decision-Making: Medical Facts and Patient Preferences**

*Savitri Fedson, MD*

The session will cover several critical aspects of end-of-life decision making including withholding and withdrawing treatment, medically inappropriate treatment, DNAR orders, and advance directives.

2:15 p.m. **Break**

2:30 p.m. **Small Group Case Discussions (Zoom breakout rooms)**

4:00 p.m. **End of Day**

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

10:00 a.m. **Informed Consent and Shared Decision Making**

*Jennifer Blumenthal-Barby, PhD, MA*

This session will cover consent requirements and challenges, shared decision making, tools for assessing decision-making capacity in tough cases, and cognitive biases that can affect decision making.

11:15 a.m. **Break**

11:30 a.m. **Small Group Case Discussions (Zoom breakout rooms)**

12:30 p.m. **Lunch Break**

1:30 p.m. **Surrogate Decision Making**

*Ryan Nelson, PhD*

This session will cover the ethical importance of surrogates, the standards of surrogate decision making, and challenges related to making medical decisions for incapacitated patients.

2:45 p.m. **Break**

3:00 p.m. **Small Group Case Discussions (Zoom breakout rooms)**

4:00 p.m. **End of Day**

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

10:00 a.m. **How to Conduct a Clinical Ethics Consultation**

*Trevor Bibler, PhD*

Participants will learn the practical steps involved in conducting a clinical ethics consultation, with a focus on processes including information gathering and issue spotting.

11:00 a.m. Break

11:15 a.m. **How to Conduct a Clinical Ethics Consultation (continued)**

12:00 p.m. **Lunch Break**

1:00 p.m. **Mediation and Facilitating Family Meetings**

*Claire Horner, JD, MA*

Effectively leading or assisting with family meetings is a critical skill for clinical ethics consultants. When, why, and how to conduct a family meeting will be discussed in this session along with mediation skills and techniques.

2:15 p.m. **Break**

2:30 p.m. **How to Write an Ethics Consultation Note**

*Andrew Childress, PhD, Adam Omelianchuk, PhD*

Participants will learn how to write a high-quality ethics chart note. Using small groups, participants will deconstruct several exemplar ethics chart notes, identifying strong and weak ethics chart notes. Essential elements of the chart note, best practices, language to avoid, and how to write strong ethical analyses within chart notes will be discussed.

4:00 p.m. **End of Day**

Thursday, April 20, 2023

10:00 a.m. **Quality Improvement**

*Janet Malek, PhD*

During this session, several different types of quality improvement strategies that ethics consultants and ethics consultation services or ethics committees can use to describe and evaluate their consultations will be described.

10:45 a.m. **Break**

11:00 a.m. **Professionalizing Clinical Ethics Consultation**

*Claire Horner, JD, MA*

The current movement toward professionalization of clinical ethics consultation and the Healthcare Ethics Consultant Certification process will be reviewed.

12:00 p.m. **Lunch Break**

1:00 p.m. **Institutional Context: Developing Collaborations and Creating a Committee**

*Janet Malek, PhD*

This session will consider how an ethics committee can be created to align with institutional values, promote collaboration, and meet the needs of the institution.

1:45 p.m. **Policy Development**

*Claire Horner, JD, MA*

This session will provide general guidance on drafting and implementing ethics policies, plus an opportunity to solicit specific feedback on your own policy challenges.

2:45 p.m. **Break**

3:00 p.m. **Capstone Case – Role Play**

*Clinical Ethics Team*

4:00 p.m. **End of Day**

Friday, April 21, 2023

10:00 a.m. **Breakout Sessions I**

* Pediatrics
* Ethics in Crisis Standards of Care
* Responding to Religious Reasoning

11:00 a.m. **Break**

11:15 a.m. **Breakout Sessions II**

* Futility
* Moral Distress and Burnout
* Abortion/Reproductive Ethics

12:15 p.m. **Question and Answer Session**

*Clinical Ethics Team*

Participants will have the opportunity to ask a panel of course faculty questions about any of the course topics, including the HEC-C exam, consultative processes, and ethical foundations.

1:00 p.m. **Conclusion of Course**