

P R I N C I P A L S

Bruce Wolf, M.D.

Bruce Wolf, M.D. is the Founder of the non-profits, The Dispensary of Hope and Hope Beyond Hope. He has been an allergist in private practice and a Vanderbilt Clinical Professor for 20 years.

Dr. Wolf received his BA in English from Amherst College and his M.D. degree from the University of Louisville. He did his residency in Internal Medicine in Albany, New York and his Fellowship in Allergy in Memphis Tennessee. He is Board Certified in both Internal Medicine and Allergy.

Dr. Wolf served on the editorial board of the Journal of Asthma for 10 years. He has published numerous scientific articles in peer review journals in the field of allergy, anaphylaxis, asthma, and health economics.

Dr. Wolf has been a social activist for many years. In 1983, prior to the movement being popular, he headed the New York State lobby for the Clean Indoor Air Act, anti-smoking legislation. In 1986, he organized the first AIDS Walk, "Steps in the Right Direction", in the State of Tennessee. He also founded the Memphis AIDS Speakers' Bureau and was the first President of the Memphis AIDS Coalition. He started Camp Wezbejon, the first camp for asthmatic children in Tennessee. He also served as the President of Jewish Family Services, from 1995-1997.

Confronted throughout his medical career by the growing needs of the less fortunate, he helped create the DePaul Dispensary, an indigent pharmacy in Nashville, in 1997. In 2003, Dr. Wolf started the Dispensary of Hope in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. He served as its President and Board Chairman for four years prior to becoming its Director of Strategic Partnerships. His efforts helped to lay the groundwork for the Dispensary's Distribution Center and the Dispensary's expansion nationwide. In 2009, he started Hope Beyond Hope, a non-profit dedicated to the advocacy of maximizing the health of the less fortunate by minimizing waste of medicines.

Kate Payne, JD, RN

Kate Payne, JD, RN serves as the ethicist and as an advisor to Hope Beyond Hope.

Kate received a BS in Biological Sciences with a focus in human anatomy from Colorado State University (1979) and a BS in Nursing from Rush University, College of Nursing (1981). She went on to complete a JD from Pepperdine School of Law (1989) and was later a fellow at the MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics, Pritzker School of Medicine, University of Chicago (1993-1994). She will complete a MA in conflict management from David Lipscomb University in 2015.

Kate has worked in a variety of health care roles including direct caregiver, teacher, consultant, manager and leader. Ethics has always been a focus of her practice. For 17 years, she directed the ethics and later the palliative care programs at Saint Thomas West Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee. She continues to provide ethics consultation and support to health care entities across the continuum of care, as well as to individuals. Kate believes that ethics needs to be personal and practical. It is not unusual to find her at a church or school in the evening or on the weekend, teaching and helping people complete medical directives, helping them navigate the health care system, or answering questions about good end of life care. Most recently she served as the Chief Executive Officer for University Community Health Services, a nurse managed primary care practice that includes federally qualified health centers and on site employer primary care clinics in Tennessee and Kentucky.

Social activism flows from her ethics practice. Kate helped to advise and guide the Dispensary of Hope in its early years. She helped to write and pass the Tennessee HealthCare Decisions Act of 2004 to make it easier for Tennesseans to complete medical directives. Kate was part of a Nashville Mayor's task force to revise the code of ethics for Metro-Nashville government related to perceived conflicts of interest. Kate also served as the ethics advisor for the state of Tennessee's pandemic flu planning process and continues as part of a multidisciplinary team looking at ethical issues with disaster planning for the state.

Kate is an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the School of Nursing at Vanderbilt University in Nashville and Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Center for Biomedical Ethics, Education & Research at Albany Medical College, Albany, NY. She lectures on health care ethics, business ethics, and related topics to students, professionals and lay groups in the Nashville area and nationally. She has published articles on ethics, including practical advice for nursing professionals in the "Ask the Nurse Ethicist" column for the Tennessee Nurses Association. Kate was named the Tennessean Nurse of the Year in 2009.