

EDITORIAL ESSAY

2024 Life Care Planning Awards

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2024 Life Care Planning Award Recipients

The Foundation for Life Care Planning and Rehabilitation Research (FLCPRR), formerly known as the Foundation for Life Care Planning Research (FLCPR), continued its tradition of recognizing outstanding members of the life care planning and rehabilitation community during the annual awards ceremony at 30th Annual IALCP Symposium held in November 2024.

Originally established in 2002 by Dr. Paul Deutsch, the FLCPR operated for over 17 years as a non-profit research organization with its primary focus on the support of reliability and validation studies within life care planning specifically and rehabilitation generally. Over time, the Foundation's scope broadened to include support for any well-developed research design within the field of rehabilitation that advances the field and/or makes a significant contribution to the population of individuals with a disability. In October 2019, under the direction of FLCPR President Dr. Debbie Berens, the Foundation entered into an agreement with IARP to join together to further the research mission within both the life care planning and rehabilitation communities, and the Foundation for Life Care Planning and Rehabilitation Research (FLCPRR) organization was begun.

The 2024 award recipients were as follows:

Sheri Jasper Memorial Recognition Award

Carol Fricks was recognized as the recipient of the Sheri Jasper Memorial Award.

The Sheri Jasper Memorial Recognition Award was established to recognize an individual whose contributions to the life care planning community exemplify the consummate professional. The Award is given to an individual who is a positive influence in the specialty practice of life care planning through their consistent positive, supportive, friendly, and encouraging attitude toward colleagues, clients, and evaluatees. Named after Sheri Jasper who was instrumental in coordinating life care planning training programs from their beginning in the 1990s and who worked alongside Dr. Paul Deutsch and his staff of P.M. Deutsch and Associates to organize and run the inaugural and annual Life Care Planning Symposiums, Sheri was a beloved and familiar face to the life care planning community up to the time she lost her battle with cancer in 2011. The Sheri Jasper Memorial Award was

created to be given to someone who consistently goes the extra mile for the betterment of the life care planning and rehabilitation communities and who has a genuine compassion for their work and for promoting effective life care planning and rehabilitation service delivery.

Congratulations Carol!

Patricia McCollom/Research AWARD

Dr. Christine Reid was recognized as the recipient of the 2024 Patricia McCollom/Research Award.

The Patricia McCollom/Research Award was established to recognize research that meets the highest standards of design methodology and analysis; contributes to the field of Life Care Planning; and provides meaningful data that can be applied directly to life care planning and case management practices. Recipients of the Research Award are expected to have made a significant contribution not only to the body of literature in life care planning but to the everyday practices of life care planners and either directly or indirectly to the lives and well-being of individuals with a disability.

Congratulations Chris!

Emerging Scholar Award

Dr. Caroline Williams was recognized as the recipient of the 2024 Emerging Scholar Award.

The Emerging Scholar Award encourages new researchers in the field of life care planning and/or rehabilitation services. An individual who is learning about doing research and has completed a project that meets standards for publication and/or presentation.

Congratulations Caroline!

Paul M. Deutsch Professional Development award

Steve Yuhas was recognized as the recipient of the 2024 Paul M. Deutsch Award.

The Paul M. Deutsch Professional Development Award recognizes someone who promotes and actively develops new scholars who will contribute to research in the field of life care planning and/or rehabilitation services.

An individual who has provided training, education, or mentoring to others doing research. The individual may formally be an educator or may be a colleague. Under the individual's guidance, at least one research project has been successfully completed.

Congratulations Steve!

LIFE CARE PLANNER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Nancy Bond was recognized as the recipient of the Life Care Planner Lifetime Achievement Award.

The Life Care Planner Lifetime Achievement Award. This award recognizes the individual professional member who has demonstrated a history of distinguished service or lifelong commitment to the rehabilitation profession and has made significant and notable contributions both to the organization and profession throughout their career. This individual is expected to have contributed significantly to the body of literature in life care planning. Additionally, there is an expectation that this person will have advanced the field through word and/or deed. The individual can be considered based on their work in teaching life care planning, direct work with patients (applied life care planning), advances in the applications of life care planning or significant improvements in the networking capabilities of life care planners. Any activity that enhances not only the reliability and validity of the life care planning process but also the general subspecialty of life care planning can be considered. It is essential that the potential recipient be known for maintaining the highest personal and professional ethical standards.

Congratulations Nancy!

The Foundation also recognized three of its Board members for their contributions to the Foundation:

- Debbe Marcinko - Current Past President and former Transition Board President and Board President
- John Meltzer - FLCPRR Treasurer, completed his term of service
- Dr. Kristi Bagnell - Board Member at Large - completed her term of service

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