The End of Life: What should we do for the dying?

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SUNY Broome's Center for Civic Engagement will run a newly revised National Issues Forum focusing on end of life choices.

This forum is a revised version of an earlier NIF deliberation run in the local area some seven years ago with great success at various senior citizen centers and churches. NIFI has asked the college to "field test" the newly revised forum during July for feedback.

The forum explores three options:

- Option 1: Preserve life no matter what the condition
- Option 2: Maintain the quality of life, which could include hospice as a final strategy
- Option 3: My choice, my freedom

The forums will be held on the following dates/times at the following Senior Centers:

- July 6: Good Shepherd Village, 9 to 11 a.m.
- July 8: Broome West Senior Center, 10:30 a.m. to noon
- July 27: Johnson City Senior Center, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Come participate in this deliberation and weigh the options. There are no right or wrong answers, only choices. A six-page handout is now available for free each of the locations. Doug Garnar will moderate each of the deliberations and any questions can be directed to him at 778-5094 or email garnardc@sunybroome.edu

Later this fall, the Center will offer two new NIF deliberations on the following topics at Good Shepherd Village, and the Broome West and Johnson City senior citizen centers:

- Health Care: How can we reduce costs and still get the care we want?
- Social Security: How can we afford it?

The Center will continue to offer more NIF deliberations on major public policy issues at an increasing number of venues (e.g. public libraries, SUNY Broome and churches). There is no cost to participate. Come and experience a different type of political discussion that can lead to a more robust citizen-based democracy. As Abraham Lincoln noted, "With public sentiment, nothing can fail; without it nothing can succeed."

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