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Patricia Fennell Facilitating Illinois Multiple Sclerosis Society Retreat

Internationally recognized expert on chronic illness, trauma, death and dying Patricia A. Fennell, MSW, LCSW-R, will present the keynote address and serve as facilitator for the annual retreat hosted by the Greater Illinois Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

The invitation-only retreat is being held on Friday, November 30th, at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Convention Center in Tinley Park, Ill. During the event, Ms. Fennell will provide Illinois MS Society staff and volunteers training on clinical and support group facilitation using the Fennell Four Phase Model of chronic illness.

Ms. Fennell, President and CEO of Albany Health Management Associates, Inc., is the creator of the Fennell Four-Phase Treatment (FFPT™) model, a highly practical, internationally utilized and empirically validated approach to clinical management of trauma, chronic illness and emotional loss. It addresses the complexity of these conditions by matching best clinical practices to four phases – crisis, stabilization, resolution and integration -- and identifies the most appropriate and effective interventions for each phase. The FFPT model provides a narrative framework and cognitive map for families, helping them describe, understand and adapt to life following trauma, chronic illness onset or other loss.

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