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Local physicians attend an educational lecture last week sponsored by New Hope Hospice. Pictured from left to right: New Hope Hospice CEO Dawn Counts, Kingman Clinical RN Director Sharon Harrison, Kingman Medical Director Dr. Belah Sharaf, RN General Manager Kathleen Schellhaas and Dr. Susan Pearson, national medical director, National Hospice Management.

## New hospice hosts forum to aid medical community

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KINGMAN – The area's newest hospice center held a community event last Thursday to educate local medical care professionals about end-of-life care.

The New Hope Hospice center, which opened last spring at 1114 Tucker St., hosted the educational forum for physicians at the Hampton Inn.

Hospice supporter Dr.

Susan Pearson lectured to local physicians, physician's assistants, nurse practitioners and family practice residents on two separate presentations: Determining Prognosis for Non-Cancer Diagnosis, and Pain and Symptom Management.

Pearson is a palliative care specialist and national medical director for National Hospice Management in St. Louis.

Pearson is nationally rec-

ognized as a hospice advocate and previously assisted in efforts in Mohave County, said Dana Ochsner, Kingman representative for New Hope Hospice.

Local health professionals gained valuable insight into caring for patients with terminal conditions such as cardiac and pulmonary disease and dementia, Ochsner said.

"It was a very successful, well-attended event," she said.