

Connecticut Advisory Council on Palliative Care

MINUTES

Friday, August 14, 2015

10-11 AM

CHA- Wallingford, CT

Present:

Wendy Furniss, Healthcare Quality & Safety, DPH ; Colleen Mulkerin, Hartford Hospital; Lori Griffin, Healthcare Quality & Safety, DPH; James Prota, CT Hospice; Joseph Andrews, CT Hospice; Diana Cameron, VNA Community Healthcare; Victoria Odesina, University of Connecticut Health Center; Renee Manworren, Connecticut Children's Medical Center

Absent:

Patricia Trotta, Susan Richter, Karen Mulvihill, Barbara Morrison and Cynthia Roy

Public:

Bryte Johnson, American Cancer Society; Michael Culhane, CT Catholic Conference; Mag Morelli, Leading Age

- I. The meeting was convened at 10:05 am by Chairman Colleen Mulkerin.
- II. A motion was made by Joseph Andrews to accept the minutes of the June 12, 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded by Wendy Furniss.
- III. Committee Membership:

It was announced that Biree Andemariam has resigned from the Advisory Council. Dr. Joanne Kuntz was mentioned as a possible replacement. Council members were asked to provide recommendations for a replacement to the chairman or Wendy Furniss.

IV. Topics of Discussion:

- Planning For the September meeting
 - The September meeting will be held on September 11, 2015 and has been extended to a longer session to prepare the year-end report for legislators.
 - The session will focus on development of recommendations for Hospitals, Home Health and Long Term Care.
 - Three groups will be established for the work session in September.
- Discussion of recommendations included:
 - Inclusion of patients of all ages and phases along the continuum.
 - Community awareness through partnerships with community leaders, state wide coalitions such as Anne Elwald from the CT Partnership for Health, and faith based representation.
 - Integration of palliative care in education curriculum in schools of nursing, pharmacy, social work, spiritual, and medicine.

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- Obtain and review literature identifying the impact culture has on the way palliative care is embraced.
- Explore how the council may be able to benefit from the SIM initiative (State Innovations Model) to utilize the structure already established in the community.
- Integration of palliative care physicians in the hospital rounding process.
- Uniform reporting requirements to one source enabling accurate data collection.
- Clarification of the language and definitions of advanced directives and code status.
- Obtain Molst documents, the actual form and policy and procedures for the council to review.
- Advanced care planning recommendations to include a state wide requirement to be accessed across the continuum of care.

V. Miscellaneous:

- Three groups will be established for the September meeting.
- The hospital group will comprise of Karen Mulvihill, Joseph Andrews, Colleen Mulkerin, Barbara Morrison and Renee Manworren. The Home Health group will include Diana Cameron, Cynthia Roy, and Patricia Trotta. The council will ask Tracy Wodatch to participate in this group. The Long Term Care group will include Wendy Furniss, Lori Griffin, Mag Morelli, James Prota, and Victoria Odesina. The council will ask Matt Barrett to participate in this group.
- The November meeting will be cancelled due to the CAPC meeting.
- The next meeting is September 11, 2015 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm at the LOB in Hartford.
- At the December meeting the council will review and vote to submit the report to the legislature.
- DPH will send recommendations identified to date to the council for review prior to the September meeting.

VI. Public Comment:

- On November 19, 2015 there will be a state wide forum on palliative care at the LOB. There will be more information forthcoming.

A motion was made at 10:50 am by Colleen Mulkerin to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Wendy Furniss.