

Advisory Council on Palliative Care

Minutes

Friday, October 10, 2014

10:00 AM

Legislative Office Building
300 Capitol Ave., Hartford, CT

Present:

Colleen Mulkerin, Hartford Hospital; Patricia Trotta, VNAHC; Barbara Morrison, YNH-HSRC; Joseph Andrews, CT Hospice; James Prota, CT Hospice; Cynthia Roy, Regional Hospice; Victoria Odesina, UCHC; Karen Mulvihill, Danbury Hospice

Public: Natalie Cullen, American Cancer Society; Lucien Parrillo, Middlesex Hosp.; Maryann De Banate, CCMC; Charles Rothenberger, Rome, Smith & Lutz; Ashley Calabrese, UKS; Emma Cimino, RSG, LLC

I. Minutes Approved

- Colleen Mulkerin motioned to approve; Patricia Trotta seconded the motion.
- Edits were made to 9/12/14 minutes- updated version to be posted on DPH's Palliative Care Advisory webpage.

II. Topics of Discussion

- Colleen will send out the link for those interested on registering for a free webinar offered by the Institute of Medicine (IOM) - Dying in America: IOM Recommendations and Next Steps for Stakeholders
- Tabled- MOLST Updates: Wendy and Lori from DPH were absent from the meeting
- Tabled- Dr. Andrews will report back on the research of connections with CCMC on palliative care by the next meeting
- Survey monkey
 - a. No more entries have been submitted/reported
 - b. May have reporting issues
 - c. May reach out to Advisory Committee, Facilities and Hospitals for a better response- Nursing Facilities will be the most challenging to reach out to- DPH (Wendy and Lori) can assist.
- Congratulated Karen Mulvihill for her certificate on The Advanced Certification Program for Palliative Care.

III. Updates/Recommendations

- Barbara - Handed out copies of the 3rd drafted Goals & Objectives

- a. Minor changes were made- added facilities and collaborations, and made some grammatical changes
 - b. Recommendations were made- Barbara made the updates and a 4th draft has been created- to be posted on DPH's Palliative Care Advisory webpage
- An extended meeting to be held in November or December for recommendations and written testimony from:
 - Pediatrics at CCMC
 - Hospitals
 - Consumers
 - Private Clinics
 - Health Insurance Companies
- Cynthia will invite a member of the Middlesex team to present new screening tool
- Patricia has the list with advisory council's names, profession, and organization to be posted on DPH's Palliative Care Advisory webpage
- Advisory members are to send Pat Trotta additional contact information such as, email and phone numbers
- November 7th meeting to be rescheduled- council members will vote on the date for an "extended" meeting
- John Gadea from Consumer Protection was scheduled to attend the Nov. 7th meeting to discuss medical marijuana procedures; it was suggested that he attend a later meeting, sometime next year, so that the focus would be on Palliative Care first. Wendy to follow up.

IV. Public

- Lucien Parrillo, MD, MPH, Middlesex Hospital offered his assistance. He does trainings/council on palliative care and medical marijuana
- Natalie Cullen from the American Cancer Society communicates her ongoing support of the work of the committee.

V. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am by Chair Mulkerin.