

Advisory Council on Palliative Care

MINUTES

Friday, November 21, 2014

1 -2 pm

**Legislative Office Building
300 Capitol Ave., Hartford, CT**

Present:

Wendy Furniss, DPH; Colleen Mulkerin, Hartford Hospital; Patricia Trotta, VNAHC; Joseph Andrews, CT Hospice; James Prota, CT Hospice; Karen Mulvihill, Danbury Hospice; Diana Cameron, VNAHC, Biree Andemariam, UConn HC

Public:

Beth Leslie, Office of Protection & Adv.; Joseph H. Riter, RS&L; John C. King, UKS; Bryte Johnson, American Cancer Soc.; Lucien Parrillo, Middlesex Hospital

I. Minutes Approved

- Colleen Mulkerin motioned to approve; Wendy Furniss seconded the motion.

II. Topics of Discussion

- Karen presented a PowerPoint slide on Palliative Care Program at Danbury Hospital- *to be posted on Palliative Care webpage*
- WORKGROUPS:

1) Education and Research (Andemariam, Andrews & Prota)

Goals:

- The word Palliative Care
- The use of Palliative Care
- Use the term “living” not “dying”

Recommendations:

- Educating Physicians at level of PCP's
- Speak early in disease process to patients
- Educate the Public via existing networks
- Encourage Medical, Nursing & other healthcare professional schools to include in curricula
- Encourage teaching hospitals/residency programs
- Encourage Continuity of Care
- Palliative Medicine Fellowships
- Consider getting funding through Legislation

2) **Benchmark & Data (Patricia, Karen & Diane)**

- Survey Monkey- only 25 Home Health agencies responded
- Will reach out to Hospitals to send the request to those who handle Palliative Care- 17 Acute Care Hospitals- to go out within the next two days
- Biggest gap is Long Term Care- Wendy and Patricia will help in reaching out
- There are 24 accredited Cancer Centers- Patricia will verify which provide Palliative Care programs
- Taking a step back on PCP and education- Joseph provided some information and will help
- Working on a Report Card to gather data from different organizations

3) **Advance Care Planning (Wendy & Colleen)**

Reach out:

- Virginia & California- regional coalition
- Public & practitioner education
- Link to cancer action network
- Leverage with an existing Education campaign
- Tap into Heart Association, Cancer Society
- Venues/Websites
- CAPC link to Wikipedia & to professional societies
- Think like a consumer
- Get champions in nursing homes- Wendy and Colleen will work with Barbara Cass, Section Chief, DPH- Facility Licensing & Investigations
- Separate MOLST from Advance Care Planning- not the same

III. Updates/Recommendations

- Invite Qualidigm (the Partnership) to speak
- Invite Funders and Consumers
- Start inviting stakeholders to January & February meetings
- Testimony from patients and funders
- Prepare questions for presenters
- Mission & Goals
- Workgroup meeting timeframe (15 mins. per program)

V. Meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm by Chair Mulkerin.