



Connecticut Advisory Council on Palliative Care

Minutes

November 4, 2016

10:00 a.m. – 11:03 a.m.

Legislative Office Building Hartford, CT

Attendees: Colleen Mulkerin, Hartford Hospital; Karen Mulvihill, Danbury Hospital; James Prota, CT Hospice; Diana Cameron, VNA Community Healthcare, Inc., Lori Griffin, DPH; Kim Hriceniak, DPH; Barbara Morrison, Patricia Trotta, Dr. Kerry Moss, CCMC, Regional Hospice; Dr. Jennifer Kapo, Taryn Hamre, CCMC and Yale University

Absent: Wendy Furniss, DPH; Dr. Joseph Andrews, St. Vincent's ; Cynthia Roy, Regional Hospice

Public: Bryte Johnson, American Cancer Society.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Colleen Mulkerin. Dr. Jennifer Kapo was introduced and welcomed as a new member of the Advisory Council.
- II. A motion was made by Colleen Mulkerin to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Barbara Morrison. The vote was unanimous.
- III. Karen Mulvihill provided an update from the National Centers to Advance Palliative Care meeting in Orlando. Areas of focus included:
 - There is a big push to build programs in the community
 - Metrics and how to measure success of palliative care in the community
- IV. There are still new programs in hospitals being started across the country. Karen noted she displayed a poster presentation at the conference identifying the use of CAPC (Center to Advance palliative Care) screening tool as part of the nursing admission process for all inpatient admissions.
- V. Karen Mulvihill provided an update on the CHA Care Decision meeting.
- VI. Colleen Mulkerin proposed meeting every other month until National Decision day in April 2017.

- VII.** The end of year report to the Commissioner was discussed and it was noted that the report is inclusive of the previous year's reports. The 2016 report should include:
- The partnership with CHA's Care Decisions Committee (formerly End of Life Committee) which allows for sharing of resources
 - The need to collate state wide data with other agencies i.e., DSS
 - Inclusion of palliative care education requirements for licensed healthcare professionals
- VIII.** The Advisory Council was urged to identify specific recommendations they want included in the 2016 report prior to the final draft. A final draft of the report will be discussed at the December 9, 2016 meeting.
- IX.** The Advisory Council were urged to connect with members of the legislature to illicit support in promoting the Councils recommendations.
- X.** Bryte Johnson suggested that the Council use the 2016 report as an educational tool during a public meeting with media coverage to enhance broader support of palliative care.

Reminder: The next meeting will be held on December 9, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the LOB in Hartford- Room 1C.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.