

Minutes

December 9, 2016

10:00 a.m. – 11:03 a.m.

Legislative Office Building Hartford, CT

Attendees: Colleen Mulkerin, Hartford Hospital; Karen Mulvihill, Danbury Hospital; Wendy Furniss, DPH; 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, Cynthia Roy, Regional Hospice

Absent: James Prota, CT Hospice; Dr. Joseph Andrews, St. Vincent's

Public: Bryte Johnson, American Cancer Society, Michael Culhane, Connecticut Catholic Conference

- I. The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Karen Mulvihill.
- II. A motion was made by Wendy Furniss to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Barbara Morrison. The vote was unanimous.
- III. Dr. Joseph Andrews sent notification that due to a conflict he is resigning from the Advisory Council. Recommendations for replacement will be provided to Wendy Furniss.
- IV. A review of the draft 2016 report to the Commissioner of Public Health was conducted. The discussion circled around what should be included in the report, i.e., incorporating statistics, cost, the targeted professionals and exactly what the council wants to achieve. Wendy Furniss provided information about how to raise a bill to present to the legislature. It was encouraged that council members speak to legislatures and develop a fact sheet or sheets that will explain what the council wants to achieve including professional continuing education. Providing the Practice Acts of the professionals with the fact sheets would be beneficial. Workgroups will be formed to prepare to submit a bill to the legislature in 2018 and to determine what information would be beneficial to be included for the public. The comments from the meeting will be included in the report and the final draft distributed to the council prior to the January 2017 meeting. It was noted that it is important to build a coalition of support for the council's recommendations.
- V. Patricia Trotta will pull together data and statistics to update the report and send to Lori Griffin at DPH.

Reminder: The next meeting will be held on January 13, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the American Cancer Society in Rocky Hill.

A motion was made by Wendy Furniss to adjourn the meeting at 11:02 am. The motion was seconded by Barbara Morrison.