

Connecticut Advisory Council on Palliative Care

MINUTES

Friday, March 13, 2015

10-11 AM

CHA

Wallingford, CT

Present: Wendy Furniss, DPH; Colleen Mulkerin, Hartford Hospital; Patricia Trotta, HHC@Home; Joseph Andrews, CT Hospice; James Prota, CT Hospice; Karen Mulvihill, Danbury Hospital; Diana Cameron, VNACAH; Barbara Morrison, Yale-New Haven Health System; Cynthia Roy, Regional Hospice; Susan Richter, American Cancer Society

Public: Bryte Johnson, American Cancer Society; Ashley Callabrese, Updike, Kelly & Spellacy

- I. Meeting convened at 10:03 am by Chair Mulkerin
- II. Chair's Remarks
 - Article on public engagement to be sent to Council contains good advice on how to engage
- III. Minutes Approved- with some edits
 - Colleen Mulkerin motioned to approve; Wendy Furniss seconded the motion
- IV. Report to Legislature
 - Discussed and finalized
- V. Topics for Discussion
 - A. Testimony- More possibilities for the 4/10 meeting- a payer; IOM on conference call; Anne Elwell from Qualidigm; Masonicare- Dr. Schwartz; and ProHealth- David Ross-Russell, SAGE program
 - 1) Testimony by various palliative care providers has been helpful
 - For council's assessment, need a summary/spreadsheet of current "State of the State"
 - Wendy and Grisel to do a summary spreadsheet of all the hospital presentations; common elements and gaps
 - *Can we get their PowerPoints to post on website too?
 - Maybe meet with PCP Association (meets quarterly at CHA)
 - Susan Richter- thinks public should testify also
 - 2) Advance care planning is important but needs to be done at an effective time in individual's life.
 - National Healthcare Decisions Day to held on April 16th
 - Council may develop potential proclamation for the Governor
 - Bryte, Colleen and Karen to work on proclamation
- V. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm by Chair Mulkerin.