



Connecticut Advisory Council on Palliative Care

Minutes

May 12, 2017

10:00 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.

American Cancer Society, Rocky Hill CT

Attendees: Karen Mulvihill, Danbury Hospital; Lori Griffin, DPH; Kim Hriceniak, DPH; Patricia Trotta, Taryn Hamre, CCMC and Yale University; Cynthia Roy, Regional Hospice; Dr. Jennifer Kapo; and Diana Cameron, VNA CHC.

Absent: Colleen Mulkerin, Hartford Hospital; Wendy Furniss, DPH; Dr. Kerry Moss, CCMC, Regional Hospice; James Prota, CT Hospice; and Barbara Morrison

Public: Bryte Johnson, American Cancer Society; Lucinda Hogarty, Connecticut Cancer Partnership; and Tracy Wodatch; Connecticut Association for Healthcare at Home; David Reynolds, Connecticut Catholic Conference.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Karen Mulvihill.
- II. A motion was made by Diana Cameron to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded by Taryn Hamre. The vote was unanimous.
- III. Patricia Trotta continues to obtain Palliative Care and Hospice Benchmark Data.
- IV. Tracy Wodatch presented an update on the Molst project. Currently, there are one hundred forty seven patients signed up for MOLST. The bill is moving along and has a very good chance of passing especially because there is no fiscal note attached to the bill. The MOLST group indicated they will provide any education requested by a provider. Tracy further provide information on the Florence Wald Conference that was held on May 5, 2017. There were one hundred participants in attendance and practical tools were provided.
- V. Karen Mulvihill provided an update to CHA Care Decisions and the April 18, 2017 kick off which had eighty-seven attendees. Care Decisions is waiting for feedback to provide education across the state. Funding is a concern and Care Decisions is seeking additional payers to be on board.
- VI. Council members will continue to reach out to APN, SWHPN, AMA, PA's and Pharmacist to determine current topic and number of CEU's that are required and/or determine their willingness to support the Councils' recommendation for specific palliative care continuing education. Once the information is obtained a document for distribution to legislators will be drafted. This will allow for talking points when presenting the proposed bill to legislators. The need to ensure minimal inconvenience, an array of options and absence of a fiscal note is key to success. It was also suggested to seek out support from the chairs of the Public Health Committee and any other legislators who

would be supportive i.e., supporters of the MOLST Bill and Palliative Care Advisory Council. An internal discussion of the draft proposal will take place by August 1, 2017 to ensure a timely presentation to the legislature.

- VII.** DPH will research what cost maybe connected with mandated continuing education as part of license renewal. The Connecticut Nurses Association will be contacted by DPH to determine their support of the continuing education proposal.

Reminder: The next meeting will be held on June 9, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the American Cancer Society in Rocky Hill.

A motion was made by Cynthia Roy to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 am. The motion was seconded by Diana Cameron.