**MOLST Advisory Council**

**March 5, 2024 | 9:30-10:30am**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Members present:** Amelia Breyre, Barbara Cass, Mary Horan, Barbara Jacobs, Cathy Ludlum, Jim McGaughey, Cynthia O’Sullivan, Carl Schiessl, John Spencer, Scott Sussman, Johnathan Weber, Tracy Wodatch

**Members absent**: Matt Barrett, Kadesha Collins, Yuliya Riat, Gary Wiemokly

**DPH**: Melia Allan, Dante Costa

**Welcome**

* Barbara Cass welcomed everyone and recapped the discussion on the MOLST form from last month, this meeting aims to finalize a draft of the MOLST

**MOLST Form Discussion**

* The group discussed final revisions to the MOLST, especially with what to do with undecided or blank sections on the form
	+ The group decided that not discussed was less appropriate than using “undecided” or “deferred”
	+ Carl Schiessl recommended this decision be passed by legal experts
	+ Jonathan Weber commented that deferred is more ambiguous since it is unknown whether the patient or provider deferred, undecided is more clear
* Barbara Jacobs and the group favored adding language along the lines of “Any section not completed does not create a presumption for treatment of the patient”
* The group made language revisions to additional sections to make the form easier to interpret

**Added: Discussion of Opposition to DPH Various Revisions MOSLT provision**

* Carl let the group know about probate court opposition to the MOLST witness signature removal provision within HB 5290, DPH various revisions
* DPH has started discussions with Judge Beverly, Barbara will keep the group updated
* Barbara Cass discussed convening a subgroup pending conversations with DPH government relations to meet with the probate court and share more about the MOLST process

**Closing**

* Barbara Jacobs received a question on the option for MOLST via telemedicine, but the signature and other digital logistics may pose difficulties – the group was supportive of the idea of having the conversation about a MOLST electronically, but further discussion will be necessary
* Next meeting the group will continue discussions on the idea of an electronic form, and discuss trained providers
* The meeting adjourned at 10:40am