**MINUTES**

**March 3, 2023, 10:00-11:00 am (EDT)**

**Microsoft Teams (virtual meeting)**

**Attendance:**

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| **Council Members** | **Present** | **Absent** |
| Taryn J Hamre, CT Children’s Medical Center | x |  |
| Kim Hriceniak, Department of Public Health | x |  |
| Jennifer M. Kapo, Yale New Haven Hospital |  | x |
| ToniAnn Marchione, Regional Hospice (Pending member to replace Cynthia Roy) |  | x |
| Barbara Morrison, Retired | x |  |
| Kerry M. Moss, CT Children’s Medical Center | X |  |
| Karen Mulvihill, Western CT Health Network | X |  |
| Joseph Sacco, CT Hospice |  | x |
| Melanie R. Cama, Middlesex Health Palliative Care Services | x |  |
| Tracy Wodatch, CT Assoc. for Health at Home | X |  |
| Natalie Cullen Shurtleff, ACS (Pending Member) | X |  |
| **Member(s) of the Public** | | |
| Virginia Day |  | x |
| Mag Morelli |  | x |
| Matt Barrett | x |  |
| Bryte Johnson | x |  |
| Virginia Day | x |  |

Convene meeting

1. Chair’s remarks
2. Approval of minutes from 9/2/22
3. Topics
4. Updates on open seats
   1. No letter. We are all expired at this point.
   2. Bryte thinks there is language that will support the Chair of the committee to appoint our members temporarily. He will find the language.
   3. Karen to reach out to new FLIS section chief; Jennifer Olsen-Armstrong.
   4. Dante Costa replaced Jill Kennedy
5. Planning for the future of the committee
   1. Annual report: provided to Commissioner in September. We have made no progress.
   2. Next steps??
6. Round Table
7. Review Raised Bill 1075
8. Heather Sommers sponsored. Public Health Committee (b) Not later than January 1, 2024, the Department of Public Health 20 shall establish, in collaboration with a hospital in the state, a Hospice 21 Hospital at Home pilot program to provide hospice care to patients in 22 the home through a combination of in-person visits and telehealth. The 23 pilot program shall provide the following to such patients: 24 (1) A daily telehealth visit by a physician that the patient may attend 25 using the patient's computer or mobile device or, if the patient does not 26 have access to a computer or mobile device in the home, using a tablet 27 provided through the program; 28 (2) In-person visits by a registered nurse at least twice daily, or more 29 frequently if necessary, as determined by a physician or nurse treating 30 the patient; 31 (3) A personal emergency response system; 32 (4) Remote monitoring of the patient by physicians and nurses 33 participating in the pilot program, provided the patient and each person 34 residing with the patient consent to such monitoring; and 35 (5) Telephone access to an on-call physician or nurse if the patient, 36 the patient's caregiver or any person residing with the patient has any 37 immediate questions or concerns regarding the patient's condition.
9. Tracy Testified Monday: access but timing not resources. Access doesn’t =equal the frequency of visits. CAHCAH opposed the Bill, 2 others opposed.
10. Testimony in Aid in Dying: reinforced education and role of hospice and palliative care. Raised for the 15th year.
11. [C G A (ct.gov)](https://cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&which_year=2023&bill_num=1075)
12. Need to ensure our council is appointed and has a seat at the table to work with legislators and further develop bill 1075.
13. Bill tacking with “hospice” in it.
14. Tracy put a plug in for better education for, clinical staff i.e. PECHETA.
15. Kerry is working with Eileen O’Shea on a pediatric coalition regional vs state.
16. CT Children expansion.
17. Virginia’s interest is in palliative care education.
18. MA Serious Illness Coalition released this week critical issues related to serious illness for BSN education and new pall care staff members.
19. [Nursing Resources | Massachusetts Coalition for Serious Illness Care (maseriouscare.org)](https://www.maseriouscare.org/nursing/resources)
20. ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming 2023 Meetings:

June, September, December: First Friday of the month at 10 am