

Palliative Care Advisory Council

May 3, 2024 | 9:30-10:30am

Meeting Minutes

Members present: Karen Mulvihill, Taryn Hamre, Mag Morelli, Tracy Wodatch, Barbara Cass

Members absent: Kerry Moss, ToniAnn Marchone

Others: Billy Nolan, Natalie Shurtleff, Bryte Johnson, Virginia Day

Introduction

- Karen called the meeting to order at 9:35
- April meeting minutes will be approved at the next meeting

Discussion of Subgroups

- Karen spoke about the infusion subgroup – trying to close the gap to infusion services in terms of pain management
- Tracy indicated that alternatives to pain management pumps have been utilized, such as Sublingual and Bucchal medications, access to infusion services still remain as a gap.
- The group discussed adding pediatric palliative care recommendations to their end of year report, spearheaded by a pediatric subgroup
- Members will connect with Kerry Moss to get more information of the pediatric subgroup's activities
- Tracy suggested one priority should be looking into the ability for an agency to go out and do pronouncement only (legally, and for billing purposes)
 - This will likely be an agenda item at future meetings

General Discussion

- Barbara will help coordinate a public meeting training at the next meeting
- Members interested in participating in subgroups should contact Melia at melia.allan@ct.gov

Closing

- The meeting adjourned at 10:00am