

## **Palliative Care Advisory Council**

**June 7, 2024 | 9:30-10:30am**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Members present:** Barbara Cass, ToniAnn Marchone, Kerry Moss, Karen Mulvihill, Tracy Wodatch

**Members absent:** Jennifer Kapo, Taryn J Hamre

**Others:** Melanie Cama, Mark Marshall, Bryte Johnson, Billy Nolan

**DPH:** Melia Allan, Kathleen Ross

#### **Introduction**

- Karen Mulvihill called the meeting to order at 9:34am
- The group did not have quorum initially to vote to approve the meeting minutes from May

#### **Logistics for July Meeting**

- Karen requested that the group cancel the July 5 meeting and meet again on the first Friday in August, members present agreed
  - Melia will notice this on the website

#### **General Discussion**

- Karen noted that she met with Billy Nolan and Mary Kate on IV medications in the home setting for palliative patients, because hospice patients tend to get stuff through the hospice pharmacies
  - Billy is going to communicate with an infusion service, he will have updates in the future
- Kerry Moss updated on the pediatric palliative care coalition, as a result of PA 24-19 Section 29. She was not able to attend, but she and ToniAnn are co-chairing this effort and will be meeting with Senator Anwar for next steps
  - The group had concerns about the membership from hospice representatives spelled out in the legislation, Kerry Moss and other members of the legislative task force are trying to work with the public health committee to see if there is anything they can do to improve the diversity of representation, or include those who are most dedicated about the work
- Mark Marshall, chair of palliative medicine at Nuvance Health along with other roles in long-term care, commented on infusion therapy, saying that patients who are home on palliative care may not have the services fully covered by insurance – the biggest issue is that insurance companies need to recognize the needs of these patients and reimburse their services fully

#### **Closing**

- Barbara Cass will meet with Karen to make revisions to the group's report

- ToniAnn motioned to adjourn the meeting, Tracy seconded
  - The meeting adjourned at 9:48am