



## Connecticut Advisory Council on Palliative Care

### MINUTES

February 9, 2018

10:00-11:30 am

American Cancer Society, Rocky Hill CT

#### ATTENDANCE:

Council Members	Present	Absent
Diana Cameron, VNA Community Healthcare, Inc.	On-call	
Taryn J Hamre, CT Children's Medical Center	X	
Kim Hriceniak, Department of Public Health		X
Jennifer M. Kapo, Yale New Haven Hospital		X
Katie Lepak, Hartford Hospital	X	
Barbara Morrison, Yale New Haven Hospital, St. Raphael's	X	
Kerry M. Moss, CT Children's Medical Center	X	
Karen Mulvihill, Western CT Health Network	X	
James Prota, CT Hospice	On-call	
Cynthia Emiry Roy, Regional Hospice & Palliative Care	X	
Patricia Trotta, Hartford Healthcare at Home, Hospice Care		X
Members of the Public		
Bryte Johnson, American Cancer Society	X	
Christine Mastroprieto, Regional Hospice	On-call	
Lori Caetano, Masonicare	X	
Mary Frances McGeary, CCMC	X	
Clare Riotte, CCMC	X	

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Karen Mulvihill.

- I. A motion was made by Karen Mulvihill to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Katie Lepak.

**II. Round Table Introduction. Welcomed members of the public:**

- Christine Mastroprieto, Regional Hospice
- Lori Caetano, Masonicare
- Mary Frances McGeary, CCMC
- Clare Riotte, CCMC

**III. 2017 Report:** Approved by council

**IV. Discussion on Palliative Care needs in Pediatric:**

- Goals and needs are huge.
- Need to identify priorities
- Dr. Moss is the only one Certified as Specialty Board in State. Fellowship is required for one year, access is an issue. Need more.
- Insurance deductibles are too high. Cynthia suggested we'd invite an insurance provider; lower deductibles.

- Taryn Hamre- Reached out to get current numbers of dying children in Palliative care. She will provide those numbers when obtained. There are over 200.
- Not enough resources in our state.

**V. Goals/Recommendations:**

- Networking
- Resources/expectations
- More accurate Data
- Billing inconsistencies
- Educate insurance providers- provide feedback on what families are experiencing- financial hardships- deductible are too high
- Inform Insurance Commissioners in Legislative Office
- Prepare for 2019 to receive support from legislators
- Copay & deductibles- come to an agreement
- Fiscal Notes

**Reminder:** The next meeting will be held on March 9<sup>th</sup> at ACS in Rocky Hill

A motion was made by Karen Mulvihill to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 am. The motion was seconded by Kerry Moss.