



Connecticut Advisory Council on Palliative Care

MINUTES

April 6, 2018 ~ 10:00-11:10 am
American Cancer Society, Rocky Hill CT

ATTENDANCE:

Council Members	Present	Absent
Taryn J Hamre, CT Children’s Medical Center	X	
Kim Hriceniak, Department of Public Health	X	X
Jennifer M. Kapo, Yale New Haven Hospital	Conf. call	
Katie Lepak, Hartford Hospital	X	
Barbara Morrison, Retired	X	
Kerry M. Moss, CT Children’s Medical Center		X
Karen Mulvihill, Western CT Health Network	Conf. call	
James Prota, CT Hospice	Conf. call	
Cynthia Roy, Regional Hospice & Palliative Care	Conf. call	
Joseph Sacco, CT Hospice		X
Patricia Trotta, Hartford Healthcare at Home, Hospice Care	X	
Tracy Wodatch, CT Assoc. for Health at Home	X	
Members of the Public		
Jeanne Silverwatch, PSA Healthcare	X	
Bryte Johnson, American Cancer Society	X	
Mary Eanniello, CAN Rep, Hartford Hospital	Conf. call	
Lucinda Hogerty, ACS Volunteer	X	

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Karen Mulvihill.

I. A motion was made by Katie Lepak to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Barbara Morrison.

II. Round Table Introduction

III. Open Seats

- Dr. Joseph Sacco from CT Hospice is pending appointment from Governor’s office
- Welcomed new council member, Tracy Wodatch from CT Association for Healthcare at Home
- One open seat left (Susan Richter) – Reach out to Lucinda Hogarty, ACS Volunteer. Bryte will send contact information.

IV. Updates

- Tracy provided update on End-of-Life Care HB 5417.
 - Data on Pediatrics
- Tracy explained data on the 2018 ppt from Hospice Analytics Report, which highlights the 2016 Medicare claims trends for hospice care both nationally and by state
- Karen and Taryn provided update on Medicaid data



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- Taryn and Eileen to look into children's overall death rate, reasons, and ages.
 - Survey Monkey
- Draft in process
- Facing limitations due to the closing of Pedi-pal at Masonicare
- Reach out to Pediatric Specialists at CCMC and Yale
- Sponsor an educational session for those pediatrics- medication is a big issue
- Eileen offered to formulate a Task force/subcommittee
- Reach out to Pediatricians at Hospitals
- Work with CT Hospice Assoc.- Tracy will help to expand opportunities to work with their members to collect data
 - Insurance
- Cynthia is working with Insurance Commissioner, may meet with her and ask her to attend a meeting in Danbury
- Goal is to remove high deductibles for children with terminal illnesses.

V. Next steps

- Karen will work on drafting a language for Testimony on Palliative Care definition and services- Bryte suggested we'd reach out to Tim Appleton
- Tracy to reach out to Dr. Alex Geertsma, CT Medicaid council member
- Tracy to invite Pediatric Service Assoc. to June's meeting to give overview of service
- Grisel to invite Dr. Gulati to August's meeting
- Karen will draft a fact letter for staying and incoming house reps and Senate
- Kerri would love to publish what we find, the group agreed and will help.

Notice: May's meeting has been cancelled due to conflict with the "Statewide Hospice & Palliative Care Summit". The next meeting will be held on June 1st at 10 am.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 am