**Connecticut Advisory Council on Palliative Care**

**Minutes**

July 14, 2017

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Conference Call

**Attendees**: Karen Mulvihill, Danbury Hospital; Wendy Furniss, DPH; Lori Griffin, Diana Cameron, VNA Community Healthcare, Inc. and Yale University; James Prota, CT Hospice; Barbara Morrison, and Diana Cameron, VNA CHC, Taryn Hamre, CCMC; Dr. Jennifer Kapo; Dr. Kerry Moss, CCMC

**Absent**: Cynthia Roy, Regional Hospice; Regional Hospice; Patricia Trotta.

**Public**: Mary Kate Eanniello, CAN; Bryte Johnson, American Cancer Society

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Karen Mulvihill.

1. A motion was made by Wendy Furniss to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jennifer Kapo. The vote was unanimous.
2. The Council is seeking replacements for Dr. Andrews and Collen Mulkerin. Council members provided some suggestions for replacement which included Dr. William Ziegler. Karen Mulvihill will follow up.
3. Wendy Furniss provided a MOLST update noting that Molst education will be forth coming through DPH.
4. Council members continue to reach out to professional organizations to determine the viability of proposing specific palliative care continuing education as a licensing requirement. APN, Pharmacy and AMA are still pending. Dr. Kapo will reach out to Dr. Matthew Katts, Director of the AMA. The Council will reach out to the professional organizations to include palliative care education during the organization’s annual meeting. Karen noted the biggest concern with adding continuing education is duplicating existing content. A proposal to the State legislature to change “chronic illness” in the existing Nurse Practice Act statute. Pain management might be able to be included. Bryte noted that it is easier to change existing language of a statute rather than adding new legislation. Wendy suggested speaking with CMSS about the benefits and enlisting their by in and support. Further, going back to individuals in the Legislature through professionals because of the legislative recess. Bryte requested any proposals for palliative care go to him so he can make the process easier.
5. Karen identified she is working on revising the disposal of medications in the home policy.
6. Next Steps:

* Mary Kate Eanniello will add palliative care topic that includes; end of life, advanced care planning and differences between palliative care and hospice at the CNA annual convention.
* The Council will reach out to all state organizations to have palliative care included in the annual conventions.

**Reminder:** The next meeting will be September 8, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the American Cancer Society, Rocky Hill.

A motion was made by Wendy Furniss to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 am. The motion was seconded by Diana Cameron.