**September 1, 2023 from 10-11:30 am (EDT)**

**Microsoft TEAMS (video conference)**

**Attendance:**

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| **Council Members** | **Present** | **Absent** |
| Taryn J Hamre, CT Children’s Medical Center | x |  |
| Kim Hriceniak, Department of Public Health | x |  |
| Jennifer M. Kapo, Yale New Haven Hospital | x |  |
| Barbara Morrison, Retired |  | x |
| Kerry M. Moss, CT Children’s Medical Center | x |  |
| Karen Mulvihill, Western CT Health Network | x |  |
| Joseph Sacco, CT Hospice | x |  |
| Melanie R. Cama, Middlesex Health Palliative Care Services |  | x |
| Tracy Wodatch, CT Assoc. for Health at Home | x |  |
| Natalie Cullen Shurtleff, ACS (Pending Member) | x |  |
| ToniAnn Marchione, Regional Hospice (Pending member to replace Cynthia Roy) |  | x |
| **Member(s) of the Public** | | |
| Virginia Day | x |  |
| Pete Smith | x |  |
| Ross Albert | x |  |

Convene meeting

1. Chair’s Remarks
2. Motion to approve 06/02/2023Minutes
   * + Approved by Taryn and Tracy
3. Topics
   1. Update on appointment letters:
      * Pete will work on the DPH appointments/reappointments
      * Karen to send Pete the excel spreadsheet and work with Tracy to get done
      * Karen will follow-up with Bryte
      * Ross is meeting with OPM to see if we can add in the Chair to appoint members.
      * Ross referred William Nole for the Pharmacy seat, HHC specialist.
   2. Hospice Hospital at home did get passed by House and Senate.
      * DPH is not in support of it
   3. Annual report:
      * Provided to the Commissioner in September. We have made no progress.
      * Meet with legislature to review current statute and make changes.
      * Karen, Tracy and Natalie to meet with Public Health Committee: Sen. Anwar and Re. McCarthy Vahey
   4. Legislative updates:
      * Federal update for hospice core services is now including LMFT’s, and mental health licensed counselors as covered services.
4. Round Table
   1. Karen brought up a project she is doing with a LTC facility with ELNEC training and measures of readmission, hospice conversion, DNRs, etc..
   2. Karen to send a draft of the annual report to the council.
      * Data on hospice needed
5. Adjournment

Next scheduled meeting: December 1, 2023, at 10 am.