



Connecticut Advisory Council on Palliative Care

Minutes

June 10, 2016

10:00 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.

CHA, Wallingford, CT

Attendees: James Prota, CT Hospice; Diana Cameron, VNA Community Healthcare, Inc., Lori Griffin, DPH; Kim Hriceniak, DPH; Barbara Morrison, Patricia Trotta, Cynthia Roy, Regional Hospice; Dr. Joseph Andrews, CT Hospice; Dr. Joanne Kuntz, UCONN Health Center; call in: Karen Mulvihill, Danbury Hospital; Colleen Mulkerin, Hartford Hospital; Dr. Kerry Moss, CCMC

Public: Michael Greene, DPH; David Reynolds, CT Catholic Conference; call in: Dr. Lucien Parrillo, Eastern CT Hematology and Oncology

Absent: Wendy Furniss

Guest: Dr. Madeleine Biondolillo, CHA

- I. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Lori Griffin.
- II. A motion was made by Dr. Joseph Andrews to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2016 and May 13, 2016 minutes. The motion was seconded by James Proto. The vote was unanimous.
- III. Dr. Madeleine Biondolillo provided a brief history of CHA's End of Life Committee and where they are today. Consideration should be given to renaming CHA's program to become more distinct and encompass more than end of life. Dr. Biondolillo noted the Palliative Care Advisory Council Report dated February 2016 was presented by Karen Mulhivill at the February End of Life Committee meeting at CHA. Dr. Biondolillo was enthusiastic about partnering with the Advisory Council to allow for collaboration of resources such as a website, best practices, national standards and interactive map of community based resources.
- IV. Dr. Kuntz provided an update on the MOLST pilot, which has been extended to October 2017. Dr. Kuntz announced this is her last meeting because she has accepted a position at Emory University.
- V. Pat Trotta provided information on a meeting with the Medicaid Subcommittee on Complex Care. The Subcommittee recently provided a webinar to its members on palliative care to increase awareness of the effectiveness of palliative care treatment when used concurrently with treatment for chronic illnesses. The outcome is to meet the triple aim of improved quality of life, cost effectiveness and client experience.

- VI.** It was noted that the Advisory council members' tenure is concluding on October 1, 2016 and individual's will need to make a decision whether they will continue on the Council. The Council decide to forego meeting in July and August 2016.
- VII.** Suzanne Blancaflor will be asked to attend the September meeting to provide an update on MOLST.

Reminder: The next meeting will be held on September 9, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the LOB- Room 1C, Hartford, CT.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.