



Connecticut Advisory Council on Palliative Care

MINUTES

June 1, 2018 ~ 10:00-11:00 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	
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	
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 10:01 a.m. by Karen Mulvihill.

- I. A motion was made by Katie Lepak to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Karen Mulvihill.
- II. Round Table Introduction
- III. **Introduction- Guest**
 - Jeanne Silverwatch, VP from PSA Healthcare explained which services are provided in the entire state for children and young adults
 - i. 3 offices, 30 years of service, about 238 families on service.
 - ii. Provide skilled nursing to children in the home
 - iii. social work services available, but with little reimbursement
- IV. **Open Seats**
 - Pending appointments: Dr. Joseph Sacco from CT Hospice and Lucinda Hogarty, ACS Volunteer
- V. **Updates**
 - ❖ Data on Pediatrics
 - Taryn struggling with pediatric home care; can’t get palliative care for kids at home



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- Taryn did review some of the data provided by the state and found the leading causes of death for children to be congenital, neoplasms and accidents.
- ❖ Survey Monkey
 - Tracy and Taryn are to put together questions
- ❖ Education
 - Tracy, Taryn, Karen and Eileen to form a subcommittee to plan a conference for pediatric palliative/hospice services.

VI. Next steps/Recommendations

- Bryte to reach out to Social Work Lobbyist
- Tracy and Katie to look into what other states are doing for coverage
- Katie to look up Social Work information/resources
- Cynthia to send a map of state coverage; there's a big gap
- Tracy to invite members from Complex Care Committee

Notice: July's meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting will be hosted by Cynthia Roy on August 3rd at Regional Hospice and Palliative Care Center for Comfort Care & Healing- details to follow.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am