

Palliative Care & Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2024

Present:

Lauren, Terry, Jane, Steve, Greg, Annie, Beck P., Kandyce, Kathryn

Guests: Lissa, Beth C.

Time	Topic	Discussion	Action Items/Outcome
12:00PM	Welcome & Introductions		
12:15PM	Leadership Discussion	<p>Vaness has stepped of the council as of the new year.</p> <p>Terry has stepped down from the role of co-chair.</p> <p>Lauren has agreed to step in as the interim chair of the council.</p>	
12:25PM	Membership Status	<p>Jane, seat 14-consumer representative, waiting for Governor Appointment.</p> <p>Steve, re-appointment.</p> <p>Nominations for empty seats: Beth Collins, seat 1-board cert. pall. care physician,</p> <p>Kathy Baillargeon, seat 4-pall. care health professional.</p> <p>Lissa, Alicia,</p> <p>Empty seats: Seat 9-health ins. rep. Seat 10-statewide org., advocate for persons with serious illness. Seat 12-serious ill. spiritual councilor.</p>	<p>Steve will write letter of re-appointment interest and send to Kathryn.</p>

12:35PM	Update-MaineCare Benefit NASHP Serious Illness Institute	LD 1064 passed in 2021. The benefit package planning process is still ongoing. Maine is 1 of 6 states chosen to participate in the Institute of Serious Illness. The team will help with the goal of getting MediCare palliative care benefits in other states.	Kandyce and Lauren will continue to update the board as new progress updates are known. Lauren will continue to update the board as new information comes from Heather Pellitier.
12:45PM	CAPC Facilitated call with Minnesota's Advisory Council	Minnesota's advisory board Maine has been successful in passing LD 1054 through legislation in 2021. Other states (i.e. New Jersey, Virginia...) are reaching out for guidance on such legislative processes.	Lauren will update the board of any new information.
12:55PM	2023 PC Conference Planning Update	Lissa has contacted the event coordinator of the Augusta Civic Center inquiring about retaining the center for the conference. A conference title and theme need to be decided upon. Important to have continuity and smooth flow from keynote to breakouts. The evaluations from the 2022 conference will be reviewed when planning topic selection. Some speakers may present with only cost of travel/food/lodging costs.	Lissa and Kandyce will visit the site on Monday at 3:00PM. Education committee will continue seeking speakers who align with the theme of the conference.
12:45PM	Public Comments / Adjourn		Next meeting April 19, 2024 in person. TBA