

Palliative care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Council

October 29, 2021

Present:

Advisory Council Members: Elizabeth Keene, Suanne Carmichael, James Burns, Kevin Lewis, Steven D’Amato, Vanessa Little, Becca Hutchinson, Pam Brown, Myra Ross, Terry LeCasse, Lauren Michalakes, Kristen Scorpen

Absent: Sarah Morrill

Excused:

Convening member: Kandyce Powell

Community and Provider Members: Melanie Feinberg, Margaret Craven, Jane Conrad, , Sabrina Abbott, , Hilary Schneider,

Topic	Discussion	Responsible Person
Introductions 8:30am	Welcome, check in and agenda Congratulations to Becca for the Cambia scholarship.	
Leadership transition	Elizabeth 1/2022 transitioning off but will serve as immediate past chair on leadership team for 1 year.  Terri LeCasse is new co-chair Lauren to transition off in 2023 and have a new provider at this time (and then she will serve one year as immediate past chair).  Terri’s role, Suzanne’s role need be communicated for legislative approval.	Appointments need to be confirmed: Hilary and Kandyce to work on appointments to ensure are formalized.  Reappointments will need to be looked at in 2022.  Elizabeth will verify members contact information for new .

<p>Legislative Updates: Hilary/Kandyce</p>	<p>PECHTA: Washington DC: PECHTA to be reintroduced when congress reconvenes. In need of small language changes.</p> <p>Increased attention to Grief and Loss and morale bereavement due to COVID, may lead to reimbursement. Nothing formal at this time, conversational only.</p> <p>Value based insurance design (Medicare advantage): NHCPO opposed to CMS language due to hospice at this time related to reimbursement. No movement at this time due to appropriations.</p> <p>Androscoggin is starting FNP palliative care fellowship taking applications in December.</p>	<p>Kandyce/Hilary will update when more information is released.</p>
<p>MEHAF SIIRG grant</p>	<p>Survey: The survey information has been solidified and the list of survey participants is completed. It is an updated market survey of palliative care services in Maine and will update from survey 5 years ago.</p> <p>State Palliative Care Conference: will be in October either 6/7 or 13/14 2022. Conference will be Thursday night and Friday. Planning committee is meeting weekly to plan event.</p> <p>Senator King is planning to attend for listening session with backup plan in place. Dr. Betty Farrell is keynote speaker for Friday. Dr. VanKirk will speak on palliative care. The market survey of palliative</p>	<p>Kandyce will let the group know when the sessions are scheduled.</p> <p>Dover-Foxcroft area meeting is 12/8 from 10:00am – 12:00pm. Jackman date TBD Kandyce will send links/information to this group for the meetings. Kandyce asked for information to be disturbed to anyone who is interested.</p>

	<p>care services in Maine will be presented by Cordt Kassner of Hospice Analytics. data. Numerous breakout sessions will be available.</p> <p>Listening sessions: A session is being planned to hear of palliative care needs for Washington county. Kandyce is working with Al Mae for this session. Concern was stated about the lack of resources and the inability to fix the issues.</p> <p>A session is going to be held in Bridgeton and Stevens areas. Jackman, Dover Foxcroft are other areas to hold sessions. Topics of discussion are POLST, ACP and PC needs of the areas. Dates are TBD.</p>	
<p>Maine Cancer plan</p>	<p>Adopted new 5-year cancer plan. The NOFO that funds the programs agreement is up for competitive renewal. Preserved requirement for cancer plan and cancer coalition.</p> <p>Maine is 1 of 13 states in palliative care survivor initiative.</p> <p>Kick off at Maine public health meeting. Link to cancer plan <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/ncccp/ccc_plans.htm">https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/ncccp/ccc_plans.htm</a></p> <p>They did fund refus education. Are there other disease state plans that we should have a place in was asked by Lauren. Discussion had around this issue. Some of the plans have lost funding and the SCHIP is on hold at this time.</p>	<p>Melanie available for questions or conversations.</p> <p>Link to CHN assessment: active until 11/7 Here's the link to the survey: <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/tvCrNNS0Aa">https://forms.office.com/r/tvCrNNS0Aa</a>.</p>

Martin's Point (spotlight)	<p>Sabrina Abbott presented on Martin's Point palliative care program. It is a new program within a health insurance agency with patient practices. They have one provider offering palliative care consults in Biddeford, via Zoom and who can do home visits if needed.</p> <p>55 new PC consults with follow up. Large volume of dementia followed by CHF then COPD. 2 death with dignity consults. Goals: expansion, IDT (RN, MSW at minimum).</p>	
Maine opioid conversations	Kandyce recommended listening to the sessions to stay abreast of the issues.	
2022 work plan & public comment	<p>Goals for 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Successful with MEHAF</li> <li>-Successful passage of LD1064.</li> <li>-Education: Project ECHO met monthly and is now coordinated by MaineHealth. The goal for the next year is to increase the amount of primary care providers who attend.</li> </ul> <p>Goals for 2022:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Continue to advise state legislation and to provide PC education throughout the state.</li> <li>2. Expand conference from the conference in the fall to work in sustainability for the conference at least annually. Place a question in post conference evaluation about benefit of continuing.</li> <li>3. Continue to develop educational programs.</li> <li>4. Grant writing is ongoing as well.</li> <li>5. Strategic planning current: Payor issues, provider education, rural access to PC, pediatric PC to remain in place for 2022. Revisit these initiatives to determine direction.</li> </ol>	Plan strategic plan review for July to revisit/revise initiatives.

Public Comments	<p>Greg Burns:          Pediatric PC is on hold due to COVID. MaineHealth is working with Northern Light for pediatric PC program. It in its infancy stage.</p> <p>Discussion was held how to better publicize/visualize the function of the group. The PC committee is part of the Maine Hospice Council website.</p> <p>Elizabeth shared that the Maine Center for Palliative medicine has an outpatient clinic at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center housed in the pulmonary clinic.</p>	
Adjournment at 11:00		Respectfully submitted Alicia Murray DNP, MSN, RN, CHPN Husson University