

**Attendees:**

Co-Chairs: Elizabeth Keene, Lauren Michalakes

Convening Authority: Maine Hospice Council, Kandyce Powell, Exec. Dir.

Council Members: Terry Lacasse, Greg Burns, Suzanne Carmichael, Steve D’Amato, Vanessa Little, Kirsten Skorpen

New Council Appointee: Becca Hutchinson

Guests: Sabrina Abbott, Peter Baker, Ken Albert, Jane Conrad, Amy Litterini, Hilary Schneider, Alicia Murray, Robin Hirsh-Wright, Margaret Craven, Melanie Feinberg

Advisory Council Members Excused: Pam Brown, Kevin Lewis, Myra Ross

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action item/Next Steps
Leadership Succession Proposal	<p>The proposal put forth to the council was discussed and includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuing with the Co-Chair model that allows for 1 clinical and 1 non-clinical co-chair</li> <li>• 3 yr. Terms</li> <li>• Co-Chair Emeritus (Elizabeth would rotate off as active co-chair at end of 2021, Lauren in 2022, etc. and stay on as Co-Chair Emeritus to facilitate preservation of institutional memory)</li> <li>• Development of an additional leadership role, Perhaps Secretary and/or Coordinator – Looking at potential grant funding for this role.</li> </ul> <p>Lauren discussed developing a nominating committee to facilitate the coordination of future council nominees.</p>	
Advisory Council Membership	<p>Re the Council Seat vacated by Jim VanKirk: Becca Hutchinson is appointed to this seat sponsored by the Maine Hospice Council as one of the three seats able to be named by the Maine Hospice Council in the council’s role as the convening authority. Dr. Hutchinson is board certified in Hospice and Palliative Medicine and serves patients through Maine Health’s Palliative Care Outpatient Program.</p>	<p>Welcome Becca/Dr. Hutchinson!</p>

<p>Maine Center for Palliative Medicine Update</p>	<p>Ken Albert, CEO of Androscoggin Home Health and Hospice, parent company of Maine Center for Palliative Medicine provided an update to the council as follow-up to the January launch presentation as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current daily census approx. 200+ patients involved in some level of Palliative Care Case Management and/or Consultation</li> <li>• Talking with 2 hospitals (1 critical access, 1 Licensed and Certified) regarding “leasing” PC Staff</li> <li>• Expanding outpatient ambulatory clinic access in parts of current service area and beyond using models common for other specialties in rural settings via setting up a clinic day and expect to open the first of these clinics very soon</li> <li>• Piloting with Acclivity Health, who has developed software with predictive algorithms designed to use claims data to predict health trajectory, potential cost of care over the next 5 years as well as predicting death within weeks. This allows for designing care interventions that not only control cost but provide for designing a patient-centered approach that can meet patient needs and avoid crisis-driven care.</li> <li>• Ken’s team is also working to develop NP fellowships and to align these with existing physician fellowship resources with the longer-term goal of providing more access across the state to palliative care. Kandyce mentioned that Sen. King is interested in partnering with the council on efforts and Ken discussed that Sen. Collins is a strong supporter. Perhaps an opportunity for old-fashion collaboration!</li> <li>• Ken also mentioned that NAHC and NHPCO are working together and have submitted to CMS a proposal</li> </ul>	
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	<p>that integrates Palliative Care within the Home Care Benefit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ken also discussed a potential program, “Choose Home” with would offer an expanded role for Home Care to provide SNF level care at home.</li> </ul>	
LD 1064 – An Act to Advance Palliative Care Utilization in the State	<p>The Bill was signed! Sponsored by Margaret Craven, this represents the efforts of this council and the greater stake holder community in addressing the need for a Palliative Care reimbursement model that reflects what we know is the gold standard – an interdisciplinary team.</p>	Public Comment period and rule making
NASHP <a href="http://www.nashp.org">www.nashp.org</a>	<p>The National Academy of State Health Policy’s Annual Conference will be attended by Lauren Michalakes and Margaret Craven in September via funding from the Hartford Foundation where topics will include models of managed Medicaid Palliative Care Programs.</p>	
Maine Health Access Foundation Grant	<p>Kandyce updated all on this 1 year planning grant that has 3 focuses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update the PC Market Survey</li> <li>Conduct Listening Sessions</li> <li>Develop a statewide PC Conference (planning meetings the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month 1-2:30)</li> </ul>	Hospice Analytics/Cordt Kassner CEO to complete market survey
H.R. 647 – Palliative Care and Hospice Education and Training Act (PCHETA)	<p>Hillary updated the group that the house is holding reintroduction of the legislation at this snapshot in time. Bipartisan talks are ongoing and PCHETA may be included in other legislation</p>	
Developing the Statewide PC Conference	<p>As part of the ME Health Access Foundation Grant, efforts are underway to develop this conference to be held in 2022. Working Title: Palliative Care Throughout the Continuum – The Sea in which we all swim. Topics and presenters, are in development as well as work in reaching out to significant stakeholders. Al May of Downeast Public Health will join planning committee and Dr. Little has been in contact with Mike Reisman of The Beth C. Wright Cancer Center.</p>	Planning Mtgs 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month!

AARP - LD 1624	Suzanne reported on LD1624, "Resolve to Create a Stakeholder Group to Identify the Needs of Long-Term Care Family Caregivers." The LTC Ombudsman is involved and goal is to suggest plans to improve supports. A study commission will be formed to bring stakeholders together to put forward a proposal	
Next Mtg. Date	Doodle Poll to determine whether October 22 or 29 is preferred.	
Agenda Items for Next Mtg.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LD 1624</li> <li>• PC Conference Planning Update</li> <li>• Market Survey/ Cordt Kassner</li> <li>• NASHP Update from Conference</li> <li>• Update on Leadership Succession Plan</li> </ul>	