

Palliative Care & Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2023

Present:

Vanessa, Lauren, Kandyce, Kathy B., Kathy R., Pam, Elizabeth K., Elisabeth C., Terry, Steve, Greg, Becca, Annie, Amy, Lissa

Guests:

Time	Topic	Discussion	Action Items/Outcome
11:30AM	Opening	Moment of silence and reflection; Dr. B.J. Miller excerpt.	
11:35AM	Hospice Council Update	<p>Kandyce is speaking with a potential grant writer. May provide an opportunity to seek grants benefiting PC&QOL Council.</p> <p>Advisory Council new member appointments slow to be approved by appointing authorities.</p> <p>MHC is creating a Next Generation Advisory Committee.</p> <p>Maine as 1 of 6 states to participate in the National Academy for State Health Policy's Institute to Improve Care for People with Serious Illness. Heather Pellitier, DHHS, is the lead. Lauren, Vanessa, and Kandyce are on committee.</p> <p>Maine is a leader with the passing of LD 1064.</p>	<p>Kandyce is meeting with potential grant writer next week.</p> <p>Board chairs will continue to reach out to proper channels.</p> <p>Kandyce will update council as information becomes available.</p> <p>First listening session to take place on November 16th.</p> <p>Stakeholders will also be involved.</p> <p>The rate settings for reimbursement for MaineCare benefits in progress. Updates regularly from Healther.</p>

11:45AM	Membership	<p>Vanessa to step off council in December due to her priorities. Myra will also be resigning. Terry to step down as co-chair.</p> <p>Many potential suggestions for empty council seats.</p> <p>Seek a new council member to represent the insurance industry.</p>	<p>Need resignation letters from all who are stepping away from the council (Vanessa, Myra, Chris, Laura).</p> <p>Council will nominate chair and co-chair positions. Appointing authority letters sent for new members.</p> <p>Kathryn to update roster and send to council members.</p>
12:00PM	Funding for PC Programs	<p>Many grant funding cycles still on hold or closed for another year. Discretionary monies may be available.</p> <p>2024 conference budget estimate is \$31,500. Council is dependent on MHC for financial support.</p> <p>MHC absorbed a loss of \$5000 from the 2022 conference.</p> <p>Suggested that the council put conference on hold until financing can be secured.</p>	<p>Kandyce will continue reaching out to grant programs for potential discretionary funding.</p>
12:05PM	Education	<p>Possible venues for conference: Augusta Civic Center; Thomas College, VA Center.</p> <p>Put speaker recruitment on hold until final decision is made about postponing the conference.</p>	

12:20PM	Advocacy/Legislative	PCHETA is back on the table but may still be delayed due to priorities in Washington.	Kandyce will continue conversation with Heather Pellitier and update council when new information becomes available.
12:45PM	Closing	Patient story	Next meeting January 26 th . 2024 via Zoom