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ADVISORY COUNCIL ON PALLIATIVE CARE AND QUALITY OF LIFE

MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

3:00 p.m. until adjournment

This meeting is being held virtually. The public is invited to attend.

Virtual Information

How to participate:

Video Conference Link: • [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 211 423 216 123 720

Passcode: ca2fZ3n9

Join by Phone:

Call-in number: 1-775-321-6111 | Conference ID: 464 804 374#

NOTICE:

1. Agenda items may be taken out of order;
2. Two or more items may be combined; and
3. Items may be removed from agenda or delayed at any time

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No action may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an action item. To provide public comment telephonically, dial 1-775-321-6111. When prompted to provide the conference ID, enter 208 147 584#. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per person. Members of the public utilizing the call-in (audio only) number may raise their hand by pressing *9. Persons making comment will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record, spell their last name and provide the secretary with written comments.

- 3. FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ONLY: Review the procedures for appointments of new and returning members**
- 4. FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Review the Current Council Members, what seat they held, and interest in continuing with the council. Vote to recommend that the Director Reappoint the members interested in continuing.**

- Council Chair: Kim Anderson term expires August 15, 2026.
- Council Vice-Chair: Mary-Ann Brown term expires August 15, 2026.
- Tom McCoy term expires August 15, 2026
- Antonio Narvaez Ramos, RN term expires August 15, 2026
- Stephanie Schneider, term expires August 15, 2026
- Jeanne Hesterlee, RN term expires August 15, 2026 (retired)
- Kelly Conright, MD, CMD, FAAHPM term expires August 15, 2026
- Veneta Lepera, RN term expires August 15, 2026
- Patricia Pollina, APRN, ACHPN, NP-C term expires August 15, 2026

Description of Members

The Director shall appoint such number of members of the Council as he or she determines is appropriate to carry out the provisions of sections 2 to 10, inclusive, of this act, but not less than nine members as follows:

- (a) Two members with experience in the provision of interdisciplinary palliative care, including, without limitation, hospital, medical, nursing, social work, pharmacy, financial and spiritual services;
- (b) One member with a background in patient and family caregiver advocacy;
- (c) One member who is a health care professional with clinical experience in palliative care;
- (d) One member who is a health care professional with expertise in delivery models for palliative care in a variety of inpatient, outpatient and community settings and with diverse populations;
- (e) Two members who are employees of the Department or any other state agency, board or commission who have relevant work experience related to palliative care and issues concerning quality of life; and
- (f) Two members who are board certified hospice and palliative care physicians or nurses.

5. **FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Review all CV and/or resumes that have been received and what seats they could fill. Vote to recommend members to join, based on who the Council feels can best serve the State.
6. **FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Review any open seats and discuss how best to fill them. Vote on the process and establish a deadline to resolve the process.
7. **FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ONLY:** Determine next meeting dates.

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