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ADVISORY COUNCIL ON PALLIATIVE CARE AND QUALITY OF LIFE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 17, 2024

3:00 p.m.

Chair Anderson-Mackey called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Members:

- Kim Anderson-Mackey, council chair
- Mary-Ann Brown, RN, MSN, CHPCA, GCHCE HEC-C council vice chair
- Veneta Lepera, BA, BSN, RN - absent
- Eddie Belluomini
- Angela Berg, APRN
- Kelly Conright, MD- joined at 3:14pm
- Marilyn Jeanne Hesterlee, RN
- Tom McCoy, JD- absent
- Antonio Narvaez Ramos
- Stephanie Schneider – absent

State Support Staff:

- Nathan Orme, Education and Information Officer
- Claire Walton, Administrative Assistant III

2. Public Comment: No public comment

3. Possible action: Discussion and possible action to approve prior council meeting minutes:

a. July 25, 2024

- Motion to approve the minutes by Mary-Ann. Brown. Seconded by Angela Berg. Vote in favor of approval was unanimous.

4. Informational Item: Discussion of Palliative Care Awareness Day (Nov. 13, 2024) — Kim. Anderson-Mackey. Details include location, speakers and topics, start and end times, communications (flyer, social media, web content), vendors.

- Location: Cure-4-Kids in Las Vegas or virtual
- Start Time: 9:00 am
- Seating for 100 people; 13 booths and tables for vendors for a \$300 donation
 - 8 available

- 5 Speakers
 - CEU/CME offered
5. Informational Item: Discussion about council members' duties related to Palliative Care Awareness Day — Mary-Ann. Brown.
- Requesting volunteers from the council for set up starting at 7:30 am
 - Angela Berg
 - To open facility for set up and help with booth set up
 - Eddie. Belluomini
 - Coffee, snacks or light lunch
 - Antonio. Narvaez Ramos
 - To discuss items to help on with the council chair
 - All council members to send out flyer
6. 2025 Nevada Legislative Session Subcommittee
- a. Action Item: Discussion and possible action to create a Palliative Care Council subcommittee on 2025 Nevada Legislative Session.
 - Tabled for next meeting
 - b. Informational Item: Discussion of BDR 124, sponsored by Senator Pazina, which will revise the provisions relating to newborn screening — Tom McCoy
 - Discussed by Kim Anderson-Mackey on behalf of Tom McCoy
 - c. Informational Item: Discussion on the “While You Wait” needs assessment campaign that will evaluate the diagnosis and patient management aspects crucial for the continuation of care of individuals with rare diseases in Nevada — Kim Anderson-Mackey
 - Cure-4-Kids agreed to fund surveys to provide data to Medicaid to improve standard of care for rare diseases in Nevada- Angela Berg
7. Action Item: Discussion and possible action to create a subcommittee to plan an education event in Northern Nevada on May 1, 2025 — Kim Anderson-Mackey and Mary-Ann Brown.
- Discuss at next meeting: setting an event around National Health Care Decision Day, April 16, 2025, efforts to promote palliative care- Mary-Ann Brown
 - Motion to approve formation subcommittee and set subcommittee members at a future meeting
 - Motion to approve by Mary-Ann Brown. Vote in favor of approval was unanimous.
8. Informational Item: Celebration of the retirement of Patti Pollina — Veneta Lepera
9. Action Item: Discussion and possible action to recommend to the Director of Department of Health and Human Services additional members to the Palliative Care Council: Cindy Scott and Dr. Stephanie Zylstra — Kim Anderson-Mackey
- It was mentioned by Angela Berg to try to maintain voting offset
 - The Council members agreed to recommend the potential new members to the Director
 - Motion to approve new council members by Mary-Ann Brown. Seconded by Angela Berg. Vote in favor of approval was unanimous.
10. Informational: Discussion of next meeting date.
- January 16, 2025, at 3:00 pm
11. Public Comment
- No public comment
12. Adjournment — Council Chair
- Meeting ended at 3:46 pm
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