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# ADVISORY COUNCIL ON PALLIATIVE CARE AND QUALITY OF LIFE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 23, 2025

3:00 p.m.

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Chair Anderson-Mackey called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

- Call to Order and Roll Call

Members:

- Kim Anderson-Mackey, council chair
- Mary-Ann Brown, RN, MSN, CHPCA, GCHCE HEC-C council vice chair
- Eddie Belluomini
- Angela Berg, DNP, APRN, CPNP
- Kelly Conright, MD, CMD, FAAHPM
- Marilyn Jeanne Hesterlee, RN
- Tom McCoy, JD
- Antonio Narvaez Ramos, RN
- Stephanie Schneider

State Support Staff:

- Claire Walton, Education and Information Officer
- Monique Peden, Administrative Assistant III

- Public Comment

- No public comment.

- Possible action: Review and approve meeting minutes - Oct. 17, 2024.

- Motion to approve minutes with name correction by Mary-Ann Brown. Marilyn Jeanne Hesterlee seconded. Vote in favor of approval was unanimous.

- Discussion and possible action item: Be mindful of duties pursuant to the Bylaws and goals of Council set by the statute NRS 232.485 - 232.4858 - Mary-Ann Brown

- Possible Action: Vacant Position - 2 (a); we need one member with experience in the provision of interdisciplinary palliative care, including, without limitation, hospital, medical, nursing, social work, pharmacy, financial and spiritual services; to fill this position as required by [NRS 232.4855](#).
  - Recommend the two non-statutory members to apply/nominate themselves, if qualified for this position.

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- Motion to nominate Angela Berg by Kim Anderson. Mary-Ann Brown seconded. Vote in favor was unanimous.
- Discuss and Possible Action: Palliative Care Awareness Day slated for National Healthcare Decision Day on April 16, 2025 — Kim Anderson
  - Possible Action item:
    - Create a subcommittee; nominate; and approve subcommittee members to be in charge of discussing and proposing items to include but not limited to topics, speakers and developing communications.
      - Motion to create subcommittee by Mary-Ann Brown. Seconded by Kim Anderson. Vote in favor was unanimous.
      - Subcommittee members are:
        - Kim Anderson
        - Mary-Ann Brown
        - Angela Berg
        - Kelly Conright
    - Decide on beginning and end date of subcommittee.
      - Term to begin January 23, 2025 and end April 30, 2025.
  - Discussion item:
    - CEU/CME offered and registration through partnership with Project Echo.
      - Marketing materials must be submitted to Project Echo by February 5, 2025
    - Details: date, location, start and end times, communications (flyer, social media, content)
      - April 16, 2025, virtual, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Discussion and Possible Action Item: 2025 Nevada Legislative Session Subcommittee - Tom McCoy
  - Possible Action Item:
    - Create a subcommittee; nominate and approve subcommittee members to be in charge of discussing and proposing items to include but not limited to topics, speakers and developing communications.
      - Subcommittee previously created and approved July 25, 2024
      - Subcommittee members are:
        - Tom McCoy
        - Eddie Belluomini
        - Angela Berg
        - Antonio Narvaez Ramos
    - Decide on beginning and end date of subcommittee.
      - Term to begin July 25, 2024 and end June 30, 2025.
  - Discussion Item:
    - Request for day and time to have informational booth
      - April 16, 2025. Time to be determined.

- Details: location, start and end times, speaking talking points, communications (flyer, social media, content)
    - Legislative Building in Carson City
    - Other items will be decided in the subcommittee
  - Video testimonials – Antonio Narvaez Ramos
    - Videos would be used for the legislative booth media, and potentially for future council activities.
  - Bills with palliative care connections
    - SB78 Council will review bill and present information and facts
  - Rare Disease Council initiatives – Annette Logan
    - Other council to join the booth and provide information on palliative care initiatives.
  - Discussion item: Next meeting date and subcommittees' status on initiatives.
    - To be determined for March 2025
    - Status on initiatives will be presented in the next meeting.
  - Public Comment
    - No public comment
  - Adjournment: Council Chair
    - Meeting ended at 4:02 p.m.
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