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ADVISORY COUNCIL ON PALLIATIVE CARE AND QUALITY OF LIFE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 4, 2024
3:00 p.m.

Chair Anderson-Mackey called the meeting to order at 3:00 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
- Veneta Lepera, BA, BSN, RN
- Tom McCoy, JD
- Antonio Narvaez Ramos
- Patricia Pollina, APRN, ACHPN, NP-PC

State Support Staff:

- Nathan Orme, Education and Information Officer

- Public Comment

- No public comment.

- Discussion and possible action: Review and possible approval of or changes to Feb. 16, 2024, subcommittee-approved language and communications (proclamation, social media and web content) regarding Health Care Decision Day in Nevada on April 16, 2024. – Nathan Orme and Kim Anderson-Mackey.

- Proclamation submitted with appropriate language written by Nathan Orme, providing statements that can be used on the website and social media platforms once the Governor's Office posts the proclamation to their website. Any amendments are approved to be made by Nathan Orme.
 - Motion to approve the promotion of National Health Care Decision Day, including the web-based resources and site to encourage the promotion by Mary-Ann Brown. Angela Berg seconded the motion. Vote in favor was unanimous.
- Kim Anderson-Mackey will be available to answer any questions related to the press release when it is released.
- Antonio Narvaez Ramos is willing to do interviews and offer Spanish speaking opportunities to underserved communities and translate.
- Mary-Ann Brown would be available to do interviews, if needed.

- Motion to amend to add press release by Angela Berg. Mary-Ann Brown seconded the motion. Vote in favor was unanimous.
- Discussion and possible action: Update on 2024 Palliative Care Awareness Day subcommittee, and possible action to add members, create a schedule of subcommittee meetings and set a date for event. – Mary-Ann Brown
 - November 2024 with Project ECHO. Tentative dates are November 13 or 14, 2024.
 - Subcommittee consists of:
 - Mary-Ann Brown
 - Kim Anderson-Mackey
 - Angela Berg
 - Motion to add Patti Pollina and Kelly Conright to subcommittee for Palliative Care Awareness Day by Mary-Ann Brown. Angela Berg seconded. Vote in favor was unanimous.
 - Subcommittee meeting scheduled for May 14, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.
 - Motion to have first subcommittee meeting on May 14, 2024 by Mary-Ann Brown. Angela Berg seconded. Vote in favor is unanimous.
- Discussion and possible action: Update on 2025 Nevada Legislative Session subcommittee, possible action to add subcommittee members and create schedule of subcommittee meetings. – Tom McCoy
 - Subcommittee consists of:
 - Antonio Narvaez Ramos
 - Veneta Lepera
 - Tom McCoy
 - Eddie Belluomini
 - Kim Anderson-Mackey
 - Angela Berg
 - Subcommittee meeting scheduled for June 13, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.
 - Motion to schedule first subcommittee meeting on June 13, 2024 by Angela Berg. Tom McCoy seconded.
- Discussion and possible action: Retirement of Patti Pollina, possible action to approve process and timeline for finding a replacement member.
 - 2 (a); 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](#).
 - Advertise opening, calling for applications for upcoming vacancy.
 - Have recommendations of potential applicants to fill seat by June 2024 Council meeting.
 - Motion to have Nathan send requests to Mary-Ann Brown by Kim Anderson-Mackey. Angela Berg seconded. Vote in favor was unanimous.
- Public Comment
 - No public comment
- Discussion item: Next meeting date
 - June 20, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.
- Adjournment: Council Chair
 - Meeting ended at 4:02 p.m.