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

Thursday, July 25, 2024

3:00 p.m.

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Chair Anderson-Mackey called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Members:

Kim Anderson-Mackey, council chair  
Veneta Lepera, BA, BSN, RN, council vice chair  
Eddie Belluomini - absent  
Angela Berg, APRN  
Mary-Ann Brown, RN, MSN, CHPCA, GCHCE HEC-C  
Kelly Conright, MD  
Marilynn Jeanne Hesterlee, RN  
Tom McCoy, JD  
Antonio Narvaez Ramos – absent  
Patricia Pollina, APRN. ACHPN, NP-PC  
Stephanie Schneider – joined at 3:30 p.m.

State Support Staff:

- Nathan Orme, Education and Information Officer
- Barbara Kolsch, Administrative Assistant III
- Pierron Tackes, Deputy Attorney General

### 2. Public Comment

Kimberly Rodriquez, College Student of Southern Nevada emailed:

“Palliative care is not easy. It takes an extensive team of professionals, nonprofessionals, good-hearted individuals, and kind people to provide the utmost precise care the patient needs. Everyone should still receive payment for all their dedication, hard work, and commitment.

Planning this event months prior to the celebration day will create a special and fun environment for those attending. This day will raise money for the cause, and it will be an

opportunity to socialize, bond, and allow a sense of unity for anyone who knows anyone receiving palliative care.

It is important to recognize to successfully execute the Palliative Care Awareness and Education Day, time and money is needed. This significant day will educate, support, and help spread awareness to the community.”

3. Discussion and possible action to approve subcommittee decisions regarding Palliative Care Awareness and Education Day 2024. (Mary-Ann Brown). Subcommittee decisions for possible approval are as follows:

- Speakers and topics (see attachment)
- Las Vegas location: Cure 4 the Kids Foundation, 1 Breakthrough Way, Las Vegas, NV 89135
- Time: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Vendor donations: \$300 per booth

Jeanne Hesterlee made a motion to approve all items as listed on the agenda, plus giving Kim Anderson-Mackey authority to select a location for the Reno portion of the event. Seconded by Mary-Ann Brown. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible action to approve budget for Palliative Care Awareness and Education Day 2024. (Kim Anderson-Mackey)  
Budget was approved by Council for \$2500.00 for the Parade of Care Awareness Day on November 13, 2024.
5. Discussion and possible action regarding schedule and tasks for subcommittee on 2025 Nevada Legislative Session. (Tom McCoy) - Council all agreed for Tom McCoy to be leader of the subcommittee.

Subcommittee members are:

- Tom McCoy, JD
- Eddie Belluomini
- Veneta Lepera, BA, BSN, RN, council vice chair
- Angela Berg, APRN
- Antonio Narvaez Ramos

Discussion to partner with Cure-4-Kids Organization, Rare Disease Council, Cancer Coalition to further Palliative Care Agenda

6. Presentation of a certificate thanking Patti Pollina for her service on the Palliative Care Council. (Kim Anderson-Mackey)

Presentation and certification for Nathan Orme for his dedication and service to the council.

-Tabled until next meeting

7. Discussion of next meeting date. Council agreed on Oct. 17, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.
8. Public Comment — No public comment.
9. Adjournment — The meeting was adjourned at 3:53 pm.