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ADVISORY COUNCIL ON PALLIATIVE CARE AND QUALITY OF LIFE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 3, 2025

3:00 p.m.

Chair Anderson-Mackey called the meeting to order at 3:09 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 joined at 3:15 p.m.
- Eddie Belluomini
- Angela Berg, DNP, APRN, CPNP
- Kelly Conright, MD, CMD, FAAHPM joined at 3:30 p.m.
- Marilyn Jeanne Hesterlee, RN left at 3:24 p.m.
- 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

Claire mentioned that Veneta Lepera emailed to recommend Dr. Vahan Setyan for council membership. Dr. Setyan introduced himself his qualifications with the private sector and government.

- For Possible Action: Review and approve meeting minutes from:
 - March 20, 2025

Angela Berg motioned to approve meeting minutes for March 20, 2025. Seconded by Antonio Narvaez Ramos.

- For Discussion and Information Only: Update on Palliative Care Awareness Day slated for National Healthcare Decisions Day on April 16, 2025- Kim Anderson Mackey
 - Marketing of event: flyer, social media, website and council members' roles
 - Update council on current registration numbers
 - Finalizing and review of presenters PowerPoints
 - Review the handouts
 - Video testimonials – Antonio Narvaez Ramos

Kim Anderson-Mackey mentions that there are currently 100 registered attendees and 151 pending attendees for Palliative Care Awareness & Education Day. The goal is to have at least 300 attendees. For National Healthcare Decisions Day, handouts were shown and explained by Kim Anderson-Mackey. Booth will be set up where handouts will be given out and education sessions played out in the background from a laptop. Antonio Narvaez Ramos was unable to obtain video testimonials from contacts. Kim Anderson-Mackey, Eddie Belluomini, and Angela Berg will be running the booth. Tom McCoy recommends Kim be introduced by the legislative representative. Tom advised for anyone interested in being introduced to contact representative prior to and request to sit with and be introduced by the representative. Tom McCoy will also be present at the Legislature. Claire Walton will push out emails for more potential attendees for both the Palliative Care Awareness & Education Day and the National Healthcare Decisions Day presence at the Legislature separately, to target specific groups.

- For Discussion and Possible Action: 2025 Nevada Legislative session subcommittee items that concern Palliative Care and Quality of Life - Tom McCoy & Kim Anderson-Mackey
 - Discussion items:
 - Marketing of event: flyer, website, banner, handouts
 - Informational booth
 - SB 78 – Revises provisions relating to boards, commissions and councils
 - Rare Disease Council at risk of elimination discuss alignment of goals
 - Possibility of requesting to merge with Rare Disease Council or take on rare disease initiatives
 - AB 161 – Hospice services and oversight
 - Additional bills that subcommittee has found to be relevant

Kim Anderson-Mackey discusses SB 136 from 2017 and the reason why the Palliative Care & Quality of Life Council was created. The council was created by the department to maximize the effectiveness of palliative care initiatives in the state, by ensuring comprehensive, accurate information, and education about palliative care is available to healthcare providers, healthcare facilities, and member of the public. The delivery of palliative care in home and in primary, secondary, and tertiary environments, best practices for the delivery of palliative care and education, materials, and referral information for palliative care and hospice care. The department may also develop and carry out other initiatives regarding palliative care and education in the department will further the purpose of this program. Kim Anderson-Mackey states her main purpose follows that they are here to make recommendations to support or to not support certain initiatives. If the council does not support initiatives if they benefit the availability or best practices for palliative care in hospice, that in addition to education is part of the council.

Tom McCoy brings up AB 461 that is a uniform healthcare decisions. AB 461 is to adopt the Uniform Healthcare Decisions Act, which is uniform law adopted in most states. What Nevada would do, is take pieces that Nevada law currently does not involve and add that to the process. It would focus on power of attorney, end of life, etc.

Kim Anderson-Mackey discusses the amendments that have been proposed to AB 161, which essentially brings the bill down to a hospice bill of rights. It is part of the current state requirements for a hospice agency to provide. Claire Walton reads the amended portion that was provided for AB 161 by assembly person Edgeworth.

- Possible Action:
 - Recommendations for or against SB 78
 - Support as the bill stands; or
 - Opposition to bill- recommend changes

No action made for SB 78. Tom McCoy mentioned that there has been no hearing or movement on the bill as of today.

- Recommendations for or against AB 161
 - Support as the bill stands; or
 - Opposition to bill- recommend changes

Mary-Ann Brown motioned to oppose AB 161, as introduced. Seconded by Angela Berg. Vote was unanimous. Stephanie Schneider abstained her vote as a state employee. Marilynn Jeanne Hesterlee was not present for this motion.

Mary-Ann Brown motions to support AB 161 as proposed with the amendments discussed in this meeting. Seconded Angela Berg. Vote was unanimous. Stephanie Schneider abstained her vote as a state employee. Marilynn Jeanne Hesterlee was not present for this motion.

- For Discussion and Possible Action: Next meeting date and subcommittees' next meeting dates

Kim Anderson-Mackey proposed next meeting for May 8, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.

- Public Comment
 - No public comment
- Adjournment – Council Chair
 - Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.