

Palliative Care Workgroup Meeting Notes

Present: Christine Ritchie, Ramona Davies, Jeff Newman, Bill Verducci, Shireen McSpadden, Birgitta Durett, Cindy Hsiao, Yan Ling Chen, Melissa McGee
Phone – Brian de Vries, Anne Hughes, Casey Jones, Terry Hill, BJ Miller

SFSU community Palliative Care event –

Brian de Vries reported that the event will be held on Thursday, March 3 at SFSU. It is proposed as part of the Palliative Care Institute hosting a public event to introduce the Institute to the public and encourage discussion around Palliative Care. Prior to the community event, there will be a press briefing. The community event will be a panel discussion. The room can hold about 80 people. The primary event will be the panel discussion with professionals working in palliative care, who can speak about what they do after an intro to palliative care. Introduction to event will be done by Redwing, introduction to SFSU by Brian, then 4 panelists. Suggested panelists are Redwing, Eric, and social worker and nurse or physician. The panel can be moderated by Brian. He suggests we provide questions in advance to then feed the panel. The press reception would be from 5:00 - 6:30pm, followed by the community event / panel from 7:00 – 8:30pm.

Redwing added that this started as an event to educate the public. Given that the end-of-life act is not in law yet, perhaps best to not focus on that here at this time. Keep the focus on the press and ensuring they have the right language for palliative care. The end-of-life act may come up but should not be the focus of this event.

Brian – will be panels about end of life coming. Don't lose sight of need for this info / education. Jeff suggests reaching out to graduate programs of nursing and social work. He feels this is a good place to begin to have an informed public to start having this discussion.

Shireen suggests the leadership SF program run by the Chamber of Commerce, which brings together civic leaders, as a place to reach out.

Brian also suggests this could be a pilot experience for us; to learn to customize who to deliver this to, and then take it on the road.

Brian asks the group to feed questions to him so we can structure the panel in such a way as to frame the discussion, so that it is instructive and appealing to the audience.

After discussion, the group decided and panelists accepted, the following panelists: Redwing Keyssar, Eric Weiss, Anne Hughes, BJ Miller, Sharon Ezekial

ACTION – Planning group will keep workgroup informed on how to assist.

Mapping project –

Jeff suggested in addition to other data collection methods, Kathleen Kerr has simple way to collect data that would be beneficial for this group to see. In addition, he suggests working with systems like Sutter and Kaiser to anticipate these needs. He is concerned about big DPH population in places like community health centers and the clients at those centers. Important to learn what is supply, what is demand, and where are the gaps.

Christine informed group of grant of 45K, to be used for an implementation plan for community engagement.

ACTION – BJ will invite Kathleen Kerr to February meeting.

Jeff suggests inviting DPH data people to this meeting.

ACTION -- Shireen and Melissa will reach out to DPH to talk about process and challenges.

Palliative Care Nurse Retreat –

Anne Hughes talked about the annual palliative care that occurs annually on the first Friday in December. The nurse retreat to bring palliative care nurses together and has become an educational program.

This year there were 35 advanced practice nurses working across settings including home, clinics, CBO's, and hospitals.

There is usually a creative presentation, and this year was John Fox, poet.

The panel discussion brought together palliative care practitioners from across populations, with various diseases. The panel discussion was very dynamic, and there are many similarities as well as differences.

Future agenda items:

February – Activating speakers' bureau / reaching out to community organizations

Kathleen Kerr – presentation on data platform / insight into community needs

March – DPH data presentation – Terry, Heather, Anne

Next meeting date –
Thursday, February 4, 2015, 2:00 – 3:30pm
1650 Mission Street, 5th floor, Golden Gate room