

Palliative Care Committee Meeting Notes

Friday, March 6, 2105

Present: Anne Hinton, Redwing Keyssar, Jeff Newman, Steve Pantilat, David Zwicky, Bill Verducci, Kelly Dearman, Michael Kersten, Carvel Tefft, Sahana Magal, Linda Hoyne, Brian deVries

Via phone: Sandy Stokes, Abbie Yant

DAAS: Melissa McGee

Updates

Workgroups –

Community Engagement – want to focus on outreach to diverse communities.

Resource directory – want to complete a gap analysis. This could be a short-term workgroup to accomplish the task. Goal for an on-line searchable directory. Connect to 311 service.

Quality – Goal to standardize metrics. Want representation from RCFE and SNF.

Institute for Health and Aging conference – Jeff Newman –

Encourage attendance at UCSF conference Advanced Care Planning symposium on March 18, 3:00 – 5:00pm at UCSF Laurel Heights campus. *Flyer attached.

SB1004 –

Mandates that MediCal recipients receive concurrent curative and palliative care. Bill passed in June; now DHCS is working out regulations. Has convened stakeholders for first meeting for input. Looking at models throughout country; i.e., Aetna, Kaiser, Sutter's AIM program. Need to work out questions regarding how paid, regulations, eligibility, services, etc. All payors (except Medicare) are involved in the discussions.

Adding members to committee – commitment, requirements –

Background of this group – patterned after the Palliative Care task force that ran for 6 months, and now a workgroup of the Long Term Care Coordinating Council. This group decided to operate similarly, and that Anne and Christine would continue as co-chairs for the initial 6 months of this group. There was a recommendation to use the task force participants as the formal members of this group, while anyone who is interested can attend. Want an environment of exchange of ideas whether or not one is a formal member. Suggestion that members make a commitment to participate in the group for at least one year. Those who are formal members would be able to vote if that situation were presented to the group. Any workgroup actions or decisions or formal endorsement of larger group needed would be discussed and vetted in break-out groups and brought to larger group for action.

Workgroup breakout discussions

Advanced Care Planning / Community Engagement –

Anne Hughes and Redwing Keyssar will be co-chairs of this group. Discussion around consumer education v. professional education needs. The goal of the group is to meet needs of both. Discussion on CA Healthcare Foundation funds to conduct community event on advanced care planning involving discussion with consumers from diverse

communities. Needs to be completed by April 16. Decision that each organization that can do so will present it their own agency with clients. Involves viewing of Frontline “Being Mortal” DVD accessed on-line with group and having a Q and A following. Commitment from group to try to make this happen in their organizations. Any questions can be directed to Sandy Stokes.

UCSF will be conducting a mini-medical school session on Palliative Care in May – June. Information to follow. It is a 6 week program targeted to consumers.

Health Decisions Day is April 16. Jeff and Redwing will write an editorial on behalf of the Palliative Care workgroup.

Quality and Finance –

David Zwicky and Steve Pantilat will be co-chairs. Discussion on SB1004 from above. Want to see how developed by MediCal and other payors will hopefully follow, and then also Medicare. Discussion on the Palliative Care Quality Network that includes currently 28 Palliative Care teams across the country (including St. Mary’s, CPMC, SF General, USCF). The goal of the group is to drive quality improvement and benchmarks. Using web-based data to standardize reports. Information at www.pcqcn.org.

Next meeting – Friday, April 10