

Georgia Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council

Minutes 4/17/18

10:00 – 12:00pm

Location: Georgia State Capitol Bldg, Room 450

Attendees: Sen. Renee Unterman, Rep. Sharon Cooper, Sen. Dean Burke, Aliesha Edwards, Khaliah Johnson, MD, Tammie Quest

The meeting was called to order and the minutes were approved from the last meeting 9/18/2017 without any corrections or changes.

Attendance was taken. It was noted that we still do not yet have a replacement for Dr. Beall. Brandy Sylvan will be checking with Lt. Gov Cagle's office to see where things might be in the appointment process.

Agenda item: Dr. Khaliah Johnson presented regarding Consumer and Provider Education with Paula Sanders from Georgia Hospice and Palliative Care Organization joining her presentation

- Dr. Johnson presented an overview of examples the type of education that they were hoping to be able to make available to providers and community laypersons.
- It was discussed that while there was a desire to provide education to providers and community laypersons on palliative and end of life care there was a challenge of how to keep information current with no designated resources.
- There was discussion that the education resources and links may be able to be held on the DCH website site with careful attention paid to not endorse any particular education materials or posting but to simply support
- The Council agreed to begin discussions/next steps with DCH on examining how there might be a way to make resources and education available to public with guardrails placed to ensure that no particular views were endorsed but that there would simply be a resource
- Dr. Johnson and Ms. Paula Sanders will follow up with Brandy Sylvan and DCH to work further on strategies to make education available

Agenda Item: Presentation by Lindsay Prizer, PhD, MSW, LCSW, Executive Director "Georgia POLST – Patient and Provider Initiatives"

- Dr. Prizer presented work on the Georgia POLST statute, the GA POLST form that continue in Georgia to include its intended use, barriers and opportunities

- Dr. Prizer in her remarks discussed the GA Advance Directive on the Division of Aging Services Website is long and the length and that a shorter version of the Georgia form was available.
- Senator Cooper requested a copy of the shortened 6 page GA Advance Directive be sent to her for her review. Dr. Prizer reported that she would send it.
- Senator Burke discussed SB357 and its ability to enhance initiatives such as this to improve coordination and that this might be synergistic

Agenda Item: Review of Council Bylaws

- Reviewed Council membership and goal to have another meeting in June 2018.

Other items

- Chairman Quest discussed the continued desire to form a stakeholder group that could meet between Council meetings to work. This remains in progress. Goal was to follow-up with meeting with Becky Kurtz as well as new suggestions by Sen. Unterman from Georgia Life Alliance and Georgia Catholic Conference.

Meeting was adjourned.