

Attorney General Task Force to Improve End of Life Care

MINUTES

May 11, 2006

PRESENT:

- 1. Rev. Don Anderson**
- 2. Nelia Odom**
- 3. Joan Duncan**
- 4. Mark Pooley**
- 5. Kate McMahon**
- 6. Jacqueline Kelley**
- 7. Elizabeth Shelov**
- 8. Jen Davis**
- 9. Maureen Hebert**
- 10. Liz Gemski**
- 11. Tom Wachtel, M.D.**
- 12. Linda Winfield**
- 13. Maureen Glynn, AAG**

The Attorney General Task Force to Improve End of Life Care (hereinafter “Task Force”) met on May 11, 2006 at 9:00 A.M. in the First Floor Conference Room in Building # 72 at the Rhode Island

Department of Labor and Training, 1511 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston, RI. Maureen Glynn called the meeting to order. The Task Force members and interested persons introduced themselves. The Task Force approved the minutes from the meeting held on April 11, 2006.

The Task Force discussed the April 26, 2006 meeting with faith based leaders concerning a proposed end of life program. Personal communications such as invitation were discussed as the best way to reach the target audience. The Task Force discussed Save the Date post cards to be sent during June. The Task Force reviewed the outline for the proposed faith based education program for the individuals meeting with the liaison contacts. The Task Force discussed outreach to parish nurses. The Task Force discussed possible titles for the program, such as "Learning to say Good-Bye."

The Task Force discussed possible initiatives /projects for 2006-2007 to provide education concerning end of life care. Some of the suggestions for future initiatives /projects were, a Continuing Legal Education program at the Annual Meeting of the Rhode Island Bar Association so that more attorneys could be educated about advance directives; an educational program for home care profession about end of life care; and an end of life program for Primary Care Physicians, possible with the Rhode Island Health Literacy Project.

The Ad Hoc Hospice Reimbursement Group discussed its meeting

with DHS concerning DHS proposed changes to its hospice care policy. The Task Force discussed the impact of the proposed policy upon access to hospice care.

The next meeting of the Task Force is scheduled for June 13, 2006.