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The Attorney General Task Force to Improve End of Life Care (hereinafter “Task Force”) met on February 13, 2007 at 9:00 A.M. in the First Floor Conference Room, Building #69, 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

December 12, 2006.

The Task Force discussed the Conference Report for the April 24, 2006 “Learning To Say Good-Bye” educational program. The Conference Report will contain executive summaries of the presentations, recommendations, and resources. The cover for the Report will be identical to the Resource Kit.

The Task Force reviewed the draft proclamation for Advance Directives Awareness Week, November 26 – 30, 2007. The Task Force discussed different ways to publicize the Advance Directives Awareness Week after both the Senate and the House pass the resolution. The Task Force discussed the difficulty of reaching the public to encourage individuals to engage in advance care planning.

The Task Force discussed future projects. One of the projects that the Task Force discussed was providing two (2) more faith-based leadership educational programs for the Fall of 2007. One located in East Bay and the other in Central or Southern Rhode Island. The Task Force will await the appointment of an Executive Director for the Council of Churches before moving forward with finalizing plans for further faith-based leadership educational programs.

The Task Force discussed an educational program for hospital discharge planners, emergency department staff, and clinical directors concerning hospice, pain management, and advance care

planning. In addition, we also discussed the discharge of patients to licensed healthcare providers. The Task Force will seek to work in association with the Hospital Association of Rhode Island to develop this program.

A third project for the future was discussed by the Task Force concerns the formation of Palliative Care Teams in Rhode Island hospitals consisting of physicians, nurses, social workers, inspirational care practitioners. The Task Force discussed the realization that without a means to fund a hospital participation in the development of palliative care teams, the Task Force limited the ability to advocate for the formation of palliative care teams at this time. The Task Force discussed the 2010 statewide cancer plan, which will include a section concerning palliative care and the advocacy of palliative care teams in Rhode Island.

The next meeting of the Task Force is scheduled for April 10, 2007 at a place to be announced.