

**MEETING MINUTES - <Palliative Care Workgroup>**

**Date of Meeting:** (05/05/10)

**Minutes Prepared By:**

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**1. Purpose of Meeting**

First meeting. 2010/2011 Action Planning.

**2. Attendance at Meeting**

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**Meeting Notes, Decisions, Issues**

1. Todd Ellison chaired the meeting. Introductions were made.
2. Pam Wilson, Partnership Manager presented a slideshow on The Partnership to new members
3. Farah Ladak facilitated Action Planning and chose objectives from State Cancer Plan (see attached)
  - a. Group would like to take out the words "End of Life". Goal: Improve access to palliative care for all patients seeking care due to cancer in Rhode Island.
  - b. Objective A: All acute care Rhode Island Hospitals will have inpatient palliative care teams by 2012. RI Hospital and Miriam Hospital both have Palliative Care teams now. Hasbro getting close. Kent was active but no longer.
  - c. Objective B: Require all licensed health insurance companies, HMOs, and non-profit medical and hospital service corporations to provide cancer patients with PC treatment as a benefit by 2012. Already paying for Palliative Care consults. Home Care agencies. Symptom management, make recommendations to establish treatment and goals. In Hospitals – Consultation – Develop a plan of care; Refer to Chaplain; Work with Home care agencies; Clinical social worker eventually comes on board
  - d. Fold Objective E into other objectives
4. Maureen Higgins updated group on Palliative Care Fellowship Specialty
  - a. Dr. Bezdeen – Head of Geriatrics at RI Hospital is advocating for a Fellowship
  - b. Accepting letters of support from different groups – Linda Dziobek, Chair of The Partnership will draft a letter
  - c. Program through Brown Medical School. Training at RI Hospital.
5. Laury DeAngelis provided Palliative Care definition materials.
6. Linda Dziobek: Barbara Morse Silva interviewed Skip Granai from W&I on their Integrated Care Program. How can we get more insurers to pay for integrated care?
7. Next Meeting: Invite others

**5. Next Meeting**

<i>Date:</i>	<i>June 2, 2010</i>	<i>Time:</i>	<i>5:30-7:00 pm</i>	<i>Location:</i>	<i>VNS of Greater RI</i>
<i>Agenda:</i>	Finalize Action Plan				