

## Palliative Care Interdisciplinary Advisory Council Minutes

Thursday August 20, 2020, 1:00 PM

**ZOOM – see Meeting Invitation. Please use ONLY the computer audio or call me option.**

**Attendees: Christine Guidry, Cori Morrison, MD, Debbie Bourgeois, Edgar Guedry, Helen Carter, Janet Foret, Mary Raven MD, Mordecai Potash MD, Robin Rome, Sonia Malhotra MD, Susan Nelson, Trey Gibson**

Agenda	Discussion	Action Items
Welcome – Dr. Nelson		
Dr. Alexis Morvant – Pediatric Palliative Care in Louisiana - 30 minutes Gulf South Pediatric Palliative Care Consortium, Chair Children’s Hospital New Orleans – Lead Physician Palliative Care	The Pelican Krewe  Palliative Care PowerPoint Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Dr. Morvant to send copy of PowerPoint</li><li>▪ Small Group Meeting- Dr. Morvant, Dr. Malhotra, Trey Gibson</li></ul>
Committee Reports - 30 minutes	See below	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Trey would like to form a small group meeting to discuss legislative approach for Pediatric Palliative Care.</li><li>▪ Dr. Potash will forward the link for November meeting dates to Allison.</li><li>▪ Committee Members- Please send a short summary of what you discussed today.</li></ul>
Brainstorm – How to Improve Palliative Care in Louisiana? – 20 minutes	Covered during discussion with Dr. Morvant and Committee Reports	

COVID-19 – Additional Lessons Learned – 20 minutes, see notes from 5.7.20 meeting.	Notes from 5.7.20 meeting	
LMHPCO meeting listening session update – virtual - 5 minutes	The Council will not take part in the listening session.	
Update on web page on LDH site – Allison - 10 minutes	Website is complete.  <a href="https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/3953">https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/3953</a>  Suggestions on resources to add. Please send to Allison.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Trey Gibson would like a link added to OCDD to provide Pediatric families with easier access to this information.</li> <li>○ Add more children’s resources to website.</li> <li>○ Add a link under continuing education to the ELNEC site (specific to nurse training). <a href="https://www.aacnnursing.org/ELNEC">https://www.aacnnursing.org/ELNEC</a></li> </ul>
Announcements Adjourn	Next Meeting- Nov. 4 1:00-3:00PM  Legislative session begins April 12, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Everyone should summarize what they are doing by October and send to Dr. Nelson.</li> <li>○ Everyone should have a wish list by next meeting.</li> </ul>

- **Dr. Morvant**
  - The Pelican Krewe

- Where are we with Palliative Care and where do we go from here?
- Children's Palliative Care
- Children are often forgotten in laws and procedures
- Trey Gibson would like to have Dr. Morvant present to State Senate
- Issues regarding Children's Palliative Care
- The Council should include someone from the health plans
- Next Steps:
  - Dr. Morvant to send copy of PowerPoint
  - Small Group Meeting- Dr. Morvant, Dr. Malhotra, Trey Gibson
  - Strategy to meet with Senators
- Committee Reports
  - **Pediatric- Discussions covered under Dr. Morvant's presentation**
    - Children are often forgotten in law and procedures. Issues with Concurrent care. How can we make change? Trey would like to form a small group meeting to discuss legislative approach.
  - **Education**
    - Dr. Malhotra will reach out to LSU Shreveport to find out what graduate level of education is there for palliative care.
    - Ochsner Residency Program- Internal Medicine includes 2-week rotation in Palliative Care.
    - Tulane Curriculum- 3<sup>rd</sup> year Medical Student- Palliative Care is included in every rotation and 4<sup>th</sup> year students have palliative care as elective.
    - Children's has a 2-week to 1-month elective for Pediatric Residents and Medical Students can join.

- Dr. Malhotra- To provide additional information as she becomes aware.
- Dr. Potash stated that the Medical Students greatly benefitted from Dr. Malhotra. He also discussed improving Veterans' Healthcare. There will be two online meetings in November. He will forward the link for these meetings to Allison.
- **Nursing and Allied Health**
  - From the nursing perspective, Christine Guidry has reached out to LSBN for clarification on curriculum requirements specific to end of life/ primary palliative education for practical, undergraduate and graduate accredited nursing programs in our state. She is preparing to survey the Deans of the accredited programs, hoping to learn how many hours of course work might be dedicated to this subject, determine resource utilization (sources) for the material and to what degree they believe their graduating nurses are prepared to provide palliative care to patients. This information will provide us with a 'current state of affairs' specific to current nursing education practice, at these various training levels. Based on these findings, we may be able to make recommendations for changes to the curriculum requirements aimed at enhancing preparedness.
- **Policy and Practice Patterns**
  - Susan Nelson discussed the policies regarding the use of opioids with Palliative Care patients and steps that are needed to better allow patients to utilize these drugs, including topical products. The issues with reimbursement was also discussed.
- **Non-Traditional and Extended Care**
  - Robin Rome discussed sending out a survey monkey to the Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities regarding their processes for Palliative Care.
- **Patient Advocacy**
  - Janet Foret discussed the importance of education and awareness. We need a good working definition of the difference between hospice and palliative care.
- **Diversity and Equity**
  - Dr. Malhotra discussed a survey going out to LMHPCO. It will be open for 1-2 months. Will we give the report to the state?

- **Availability and Barriers**

- Mary Raven discussed Palliative care- Hospital Care vs. Home Care. Goal is to find out what has happened differently in last 2 years and if there are any new programs since 2018 survey. 2018 survey shows 20% efficiency for Palliative Care. SE LA is better off than N. LA.
- Barriers- Lack of workforce and lack of education funding.