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## National Healthcare Decisions Day New York State Coalition

Wednesday, January 6, 2010  
10:00am– 11:00am

### MINUTES

#### NHDD NYS Coalition 2010 Goals:

- Increase conversations that lead to completion of health care proxies
- Increase awareness of the MOLST Program in the community
- Ensure that Family Health Care Decisions Act is passed in 2010

#### Meeting Goals:

- Discuss plans for National Healthcare Decisions Day 2010.
- Provide updates on statewide implementation of the MOLST Program.
- Define strategies to ensure 2010 are the year **Family Health Care Decisions Act** finally becomes law in New York State!
- Review health care reform with special attention to the provision in H.R. 3200 for thoughtful advance care planning discussions and MD reimbursement.

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

- Dr. Bomba opened the meeting and reviewed the goals of the NHDD NYS Coalition and the meeting.

#### 2. Review minutes from December 6, 2009 meeting

- No changes noted

#### 3. Updates and Action Items

##### Describe plans for NHDD 2010 (per region):

- WNY
  - Tom DeLoughry (Niagara County) - Niagara Hospice planning to provide training for professionals on advance care planning, including MOLST
  - Cara Seekings (Chautauqua County) – VESTA will be presented as a medical reader's theater. At the end of the play, there will be open discussion with the audience. Cara will serve as facilitator of the discussion; the actors/actresses will remain in their role. Play obtained from Duke University EOL Department.  
[Contact information for Vesta](#) – ask for Whitney  
Duke Institute on Care at the End of Life  
Duke Divinity School  
2 Chapel Drive  
Durham, N.C. 27708  
919.660.3553  
[www.iceol.duke.edu/](http://www.iceol.duke.edu/)
  - Lynn Palmiere (Allegheny County) – Continue with area colleges engaging students to spread the word & man table for NHDD
- Rochester
  - Helen McDermott (Greater Rochester Region) - Lifetime Care Home Care and Hospice will serve as leader for the 2010 NHDD Greater Rochester Region Coalition. Meeting will be scheduled in the near future.
  - Penny – The Health Plan is planning employee activities for each region and each work site. We will connect and provide support to the sub-committees (FHCDAs, College & Universities and Diverse Populations).



- Pat – Work continues on outreach to employer groups to engage them in NHDD activities. Pat reviewed the CCCA ACP Employer Toolkit with RBA Health Planning Group (7 major employers) and was asked to return for follow-up meeting.
- Pat has upcoming meeting with Consumer Affairs at Wegmans and hopes to engage them in NHDD activities.
- Pat reminded all that the seven (7) Public Service Announcements (PSAs) presented by MSSNY, including a Spanish PSA, will be in production shortly. As per consensus at the December 2009 meeting, copies will be made available to NHDD NYS Coalition members at no charge.
- **Action Item:**
  - Penny – Initiate, coordinate and support the scheduling of the initial 2010 NHDD – NYS Coalition Subcommittees (FHCDA, Colleges & Universities, and Diverse Populations), 2010 NHDD Rochester Region Coalition and team for focus on diversity.
  - Pat – Will provide update on outcome of meetings with 7 employer groups and Wegmans at next meeting.
  - **Team** - go to [Contact-Us](#) if you would like to receive the 2010 Public Service Announcement (PSAs).
- CNY
  - Mark Buttiglieri (Onondaga County) – Continue NHDD activities with the Sharing Your Wishes CNY Coalition and hosting events at the Upstate Medical where SWers man table providing education and support to those wanting to complete or update their health care proxy. In addition, engage well known community speaker and secure media attention.
- North Country – No attendees from this region available to participate today and provide an update on their plans for NHDD.
- Albany/Capital District –
  - Don Stake (Albany/Capital District) - Community Hospice will build on 2009 NHDD activities at Albany Law School and the School of Pharmacy along with public events at libraries, increase advertising and reaching out to other colleges and universities in the area.
- Hudson Valley Region
  - Mary Beth Morrissey (Westchester County) – Westchester EOL Consortium will build on 2009 NHDD events with a focus on hospitals and ethics committees along with area colleges and universities.
- NYC
  - Dr. Louis Belzie BLYN (Kings County) – Plan to work with hospitals in Brooklyn creating events for month of April focusing on NHDD and organ, tissue and blood donation given organ donation is a part of the health care proxy and April is National Organ Donation month. Discussions continue regarding plans with area colleges and churches.
  - Mention of palliative care department continues with increasing health care proxy completion rates in oncology. In 2009 social workers met with patients while patients are waiting to see their physician introducing advance care planning and traditional directives (HCP & LW). A follow up meeting with patient includes addressing additional issue where the MOLST is then discussed (when appropriate).
- **NHDD NYS Coalition FHCDA Subcommittee Summary:**
  - Members of the NHDD NYS Coalition agreed they would like the coalition to keep working on this goal. No known main stumbling block at this time according to Jon Federman. Per Jon, the issue in 2009 was more of running out of time.



- Need to include the community in FHCDCA; this is main advocacy item for HPCANYS.
  - **Action Item:**
  - Team – go to [Contact-Us](#) if you or anyone you know is interested in participating in this subcommittee.
- **NHDD NYS Coalition Colleges and Universities Subcommittee Summary (new):**
    - Duane Brown (RIT) And Teddy Morrissey (Syracuse University) have agreed to co-lead this coalition. Keilah Roberts (Nazareth College) was on the call & introduced herself.
    - Betty Falcao (Tompkins County) - Information on advance care planning is provided to students as part of the admissions process at Ithaca College. She further stated that the Care Giver Support group for employees at Ithaca College was the strongest advocate on integrating advance care planning to students.
    - **Action Item:**
      - Pat - to provide Betty's contact information to Mary Beth Morrissey per her request.
      - Team – go to [Contact-Us](#) if you or anyone you know is interested in participating in this subcommittee.
  - **NHDD NYS Coalition Diverse Populations Subcommittee (proposed):**
    - Alfredo Gonzalez of Lifetime Care reports being a member of the Latino Upstate Summit, a perfect venue to integrate advance care planning initiatives.
    - Pat –The current Spanish ACP booklet is being revised to align with the ACP Booklet revised in 2008, in collaboration with NYSBA. Goal is to have the ACP booklet available no later than a week prior to NHDD. The newly revised booklet combines the Community Conversations on Compassionate Care (CCCC) and MOLST Programs. CCCC focuses on “Five Easy Steps” that are based on behavioral readiness to complete a health care proxy. Educational information on the MOLST and a sample MOLST form has been added. A “plain language” MOLST form will be created and then translated into English.
    - **Action Item:**
      - Team – go to [Contact-Us](#) if you or anyone you know is interested in participating in this subcommittee.
- 4. Updates on statewide implementation of the MOLST Program**
- Pat continues to work with NYSDOH, OMRDD and OMH on revising MOLST forms & FAQs
  - When the 2010 newly revised MOLST form is complete, it will integrate verbiage for special populations (OMRDD & OMH) including 1750B surrogates, including verbiage for special populations who lack capacity.
  - NYSDOH Commissioner Daines has agreed to send updated Dear Administration Letter (DAL) to all health care facilities in NYS.
  - The MOLST Statewide Implementation Team (key members of the Monroe and Onondaga County MOLST Implementation Team) will be expanded to include representatives from key statewide professional organizations.
  - eMOLST (the electronic version of the MOLST) Update:
    - Currently under development by Excellus BlueCross BlueShield, in partnership with the Rochester RHIO health information exchange (HIE), as part of a HEAL 5 grant. In keeping with New York State's vision for open-system solutions, the eMOLST application is being developed following open architectural principles for the benefit of the community and other RHIOs across the state.
    - Goal: support the current paper-based system and support a MOLST online form through a web-based application. Last year we worked with RIT to create a web-based MOLST demonstration prototype; we are now working with a local vendor to build this application.
    - The expected product will be an electronic/online version of the current MOLST form that upgrades the workflow around completing the information required for a legal medical order with automated user feedback for quality review and notification of missing information and training tools for users.



- eMOLST forms will be made available on the Rochester RHIO HIE, and in turn the HIE can make those medical orders available to EMS, other providers and institutions across care settings at the point of care thereby ensuring a patient's wishes about the end-of-life treatment.
- **Action Item:**
  - Pat – will report on the Roundtable MOLST discussion in NYC and provide updates on eMOLST and progress with collaborative work with NYSDOH, OMRDD and OMH.

5. **Open Forum** – Topic of Palliative Care and coding brought up.

- **Action Item:**
  - Louis – will connect with Pat off-line for further discussion and/or to obtain information.

6. **Next Steps and Accountabilities**

- See above Action Items

7. **Future NHDD NYS Coalition Conference Calls 2009-2010**

- Per request of the Coalition, we have scheduled monthly conference calls for National Healthcare Decisions Day 2010.
- All calls will take place from 10:00 - 11:00 am.
- Please note these on your calendar:
  - February 3
  - March 3
  - April 7
- **Conference Call Instructions**  
Dial-in number: 1-800-747-5150  
Passcode: 2384514