

MOLST Update

March 2006

Dear Colleagues,

I apologize for the repeated delays to the launch of the MOLST Community Pilot Project. I appreciate the ongoing support of the MOLST Community Implementation Team and the leadership in healthcare facilities who are facilitating the implementation of the MOLST Program.

Chapter Amendment

The Chapter Amendment is stalled in the Assembly primarily because of issues that are unrelated to the MOLST Pilot Project Legislation and that are beyond our control to resolve quickly.

There is complete agreement in both the Senate and the Assembly regarding the DNI component.

There is an ongoing debate in the Assembly over whether there should be a carveout for the MR, DD and MH populations who lack capacity.

I have met with the Governor's Office, Assemblyman Gottfried, representatives from NYSARC and others in an effort to move the Chapter Amendment forward.

*Given the prior delays in the Legislature, I hesitate to commit to another launch. However, having met personally with the key players in Albany, I am cautiously optimistic that we will be able to launch by **May 1**. In the interim, use the new MOLST forms and continue to use the NYSDOH Nonhospital DNR form.*

Web:

The community web site www.compassionandsupport.org continues to be updated.

There is now a separate section for patients and families and one for health care professionals.

An education and training center is under development. This will house materials including PowerPoints from the MOLST Conference, sample policies and procedures and training materials that are being developed. *If you have educational material to share, please forward to me with your permission to post.*

MOLST "Users Group"

To facilitate the sharing of questions and solutions as part of the implementation process, a "Users Group" is being developed. The options for facilitating this process are being explored, including use of the community web site. The goal is to minimize the work of all, provide accurate information and have a repository of easily accessible accurate information. *Please let me know if a MOLST champion or individual designated to oversee MOLST implementation is interested in participating in this group.*

MOLST NYSDOH Training

MOLST training has been provided to LTC surveyors in the past 2 weeks at the NYSDOH Training Academy.

MOLST training for Hospital and EMS surveyors will be held on Monday at the NYSDOH Training Academy.

*As noted in the first update, I have received increasing inquiries regarding the MOLST Program and the pilot project from identified MOLST champions and other key health care professional leaders in both Monroe and Onondaga counties, surrounding areas and from throughout the state. To facilitate communication on a timely and regular basis, I will send periodic updates on the MOLST Program. You have received this email because you have contacted me via phone call or email. Thank you for your interest in the MOLST. Feel free to share this email with others; they may contact me and be added to the distribution of these updates. *If you are not interested in receiving future updates, please let me know via email.**