



Hospice Committee

June 6, 2018

9:30 – 11:30

At the MHHA Office (2140 University Park Dr., Suite 220, Okemos, MI 48864)

Minutes

- I. **Call to order:** Sherri Solomon called the meeting to order at 9:30am; introductions made.
- II. **Minute approval:** Minutes approved
- III. **Additions to agenda:** None
- IV. **Reports**
 - A. Executive Report
 - i All about opioids right now! Hospice taskforce doing a great job with advocacy and compliance. Mandy updates with hospice rules in state of MI – will review during committee reports.
 - B. NGS/CMS
 - i Meet next week in Indy – Nancy Malovy, Sherri attending. Please let Sherri know if you have any issues that you'd like them to bring forward.
 - C. MILARA Survey Liaison
 - i Has been a few months since we have met with them. Next meeting is scheduled for September. They presented at the annual conference – was well attended and received.
 - ii Please note there was a glitch in their system re: licenses being issues with the expiration date of 2 months – call and they will resend a correct license.
 - iii Marian Clore visited a few members' offices – was a brief visit. At one hospice, she didn't like education re: med disposal – wanted it to be very specific that the hospice nurse will not touch or dispose of the meds. Also stated that contracts need to be reviewed on initiation and only as needed (vs. annual) – ***this is not something we're aware of or can identify in the state regs.***

V. Hospice Committee Reports

- A. Education
 - i Annual conference in Traverse City at the Grand Traverse Resort on May 22-24, 2019
 - ii Education committee meets 6/7/18 to begin planning for next year. The committee is always open to new members and recommendations for topics, presenters, etc.
- B. Quality & Regulatory
 - a. MILARA Hospice Stakeholder Meeting: State Hospice Rules – Draft 4 Final Comment due May 25.
 - a. 4th draft sent; a lot of changes made on the infection control piece – will be a much more robust requirement for hospice, which isn't a bad thing. Next meeting is on 6/20 from 1:30-3:30pm @ The Library of Michigan for all stakeholders. Hospice Committee members that are involved are reviewing all regs line by line and giving feedback – the majority of the items that have been suggested have been accepted.
 - b. Need all committee members to look at all of these rules now – need your eyes as this has been an incredibly challenging project. If you have items that you feel need to be addressed or go into comments, please let Barry or Karen Kafeo know!
- D. Palliative Care
 - i Had a meeting at the annual conference – no one from the committee here today in person or on the phone. Have a meeting scheduled later this month.
- E. Reimbursement
 - i Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Had MI Medicaid provider enrollment attend last month's meeting. All providers have to register in CHAMPS to receive payment, however state having a hard time keeping up with the demand with registering the providers. The state has not re-issued a due date to be registered – but once given, will have 60-days. Penalties have been deferred. To subscribe an organization is required to submit one of their board members name, address and social security number; if not submitted, causes an error and can cause 6-week backlog in billing.
 - ii Plan to invite one HMO to each meeting to address questions or concerns as we can't get all HMOs in one setting to address.
 - iii Will have Hospice Liaison meeting with BC/BS in 2nd or 3rd week of August – waiting to confirm date from BC/BS. If you have any issues, please bring forward to Barry so they can be added to the agenda.
 - 1 One question requested: Is it possible to find out the percentage of beneficiaries are enrolled in managed care plans and which ones/know the breakdown for the state of MI?

- iv Advanced Med is doing new U-pick audits for Medicaid payments – no details at this time in terms of the focus.
 - v OIG is also conducting “random” audits post payment related to aide supervisory visits – comes in as a phone call. Get a login to submit electronically; very short time frame, data requested of one member was from 2016. Is happening nationally.
 - vi Question re: hospice aide plan of care communication with Rick Brummette: notes from liaison meeting indicate that Rick was not going to have surveyors pursue citing hospices *if the patient was able to make a choice* and shower and bed bath both being on POC to honor patient’s choice. This is only noted in the liaison meeting minutes and not in the regs (state or federal) at this time.
- F. Hospice Residence Committee
- i Not a lot of activity as so much focus on Opioid taskforce and Room and Board appropriation
 - ii Meet on Wednesday, 6/13/18
- G. Hospice Residence Room & Board
- i We have been successful at getting into the budget, is a challenge every year. Received 2.5 million and received supplemental to total 3.18 million dollars – would provide every hospice facility in the state with full funding that they received last year.
 - ii Taskforce meets regularly re: funding – next meeting is this Friday at 10:30am.
- H. Public Policy
- i Walking alongside the opioid taskforce work.
 - ii Budget process is wrapping up – biggest focus of reminder of legislature before break.
 - iii Sandy Jones working very hard working for us related to opioid issue; advocacy is absolutely necessary if you have personal connections.
 - iv Waiting for rules to be promulgated by MILARA.
 - v Public policy committee will assemble list of questions we will send to all candidates that will be on the ballot this year – please send any questions you would like added to this list to Sara Lowe: slowe@emmanuelhospice.org
 - vi POLST Workgroup – hasn’t begun, but we are on the attendee list to receive an invite. Expect to being this summer and draft form in fall to being review
- I. Opioid Task Force - What went into effect June 1, 2018:
- i Compliance
 - 1 Opioid Start Talking Form
 - 2 Ensure we have documented asking the patient if they are on other controlled substances (CBD oil, marijuana, etc.) and that prescriber is taking this into account *prior* to prescribing
 - 3 MAPs: each provider has to be registered, goes back 2.5 years, and has to be run prior to prescribing a script over 3 days. Each provider has 10 delegates for their login.

- a One member organization received confirmation that they can run MAP when they receive the referral
- 4 Advocacy
 - a Association supports best practice with MILARA that hospices check upon admission and prn if/when diversion is suspected. MILARA supports this – isn't what the law says however. We have requested MILARA submit this in the rule – has been put off until fall while senate deals with marijuana law before they leave for summer recess (bill 842.)
 - b Rep. Cally has submitted stand alone bill to help address this issue, but likely won't happen until the fall
 - c Another option, is to have MILARA interpret the law; Barry has sent an email to MILARA requesting their interpretation to support upon admit and prn and has asked that they add this to the FAQ. Sandy working with MILARA to help find a solution.
 - d Call your state representatives – this is a significant issue and it's not over. Consequences and potential for hospice patients to suffer as a result.
- ii Update MILARA FAQ: sent via email to all hospice members 6/6/18.

J. Membership

- i June and July are big months for renewing.

VI. **New Business**

A. Volunteer Coordinators Association

- c. Karen and Heather, President and Secretary/Treasurer for current Volunteer Coordinators Association.
 - i. Has been a separate organization, formed in 1991. Developed to help Volunteer Coordinators, to support, provide education and networking.
 - ii. Struggled in the past few year with board membership and support; do not want the organization to go away.
 - iii. Reviewed goals and objectives in proposal.
 - iv. Questions Asked:
 - 1. Would current non-MHHA members of your association be required to join MHHA to continue with your committee? Yes. Non-members would not be able to participate in subcommittee activity, etc., however non-members would be invited to regional events, etc., where there would be a non-member and membership rates.

- v. Sara Lowe motioned to move this proposal to the Board of MHHA; Leah (Sparrow) seconded; all in favor. Amy will submit at the Board of Director meeting on 6/7/18.
- vi. Submit your VC name and email to MHHA as they will create a data base for communication.

VIII. Old business

- a. Listserv

IX. Open discussion & Next Meeting: July meeting will be cancelled; next meeting is Thursday, August 2 at MHHA from 9:30-11:30a.