

**North Dakota Palliative Care Task Force**  
**Large Group Meeting via Zoom**  
**December 12, 2018**

**In attendance:** Nancy Joyner, Tracee Capron, Judy Beck, Shannon Feist, Sue Heitkamp, Deb Knuth, Dr. Jesse Tran, Jean Roland, Phyllis Heyne-Lindholm, and Jessica Reier

**Name of Project:** North Dakota Palliative Care Task Force

**Brief Description:** The North Dakota Palliative Care Task Force works to increase education and awareness of palliative care for providers and community members throughout the state of North Dakota.

**Longer Description/Content:** The North Dakota Palliative Care Task Force is committed to improving the quality of life of those facing serious health conditions by promoting patient-centered palliative care and improving access to services. Although it is one of the fastest growing trends in health care, Palliative Care is often misunderstood. The Task Force will develop educational opportunities for providers, patients, and community members to help them clearly understand palliative care and the benefits it offers. The Task force aims to increase awareness and utilization throughout the state of North Dakota to improve the quality of life of its citizens. – Senator Nancy Lee

**Agenda**

1. Review of September 13, 2018 minutes
  - All group members in attendance approved past minutes
2. Update from Center for Rural Health's Rural Community Based Palliative Care Project
  - The North Dakota Rural Community-Based Palliative Care project was one of three projects chose by Stratis Health in a multi-state effort to increase access to palliative care services in rural communities. The project encompasses eight sites within the state and is starting the second year of a three year project.
    - Year two will be focused on interventions and looking a policies and procedures.
    - Nancy is working with all eight sites and providing a mentoring call every two months.
3. 4<sup>th</sup> Education Clinical Practice Guidelines for Palliative Care webinar December 17<sup>th</sup> – <https://www.nationalcoalitionhpc.org/webinars/>
  - Nancy shared information on this free webinar that is available for all disciplines and aligns with Joint Commission.
  - Webinar information will be posted on the Center for Rural Health website and an email was sent to all participants in the initial Palliative Care survey.
4. Updated on CAPC conference in Orlando
  - Nancy provided a brief overview of the CAPC conference which included over 1,000 community and rural based classes. Some of the classes offered and attended by Nancy included paramedicine, payment models, telehealth, and telemedicine.

- Nancy is working on putting conference information together to share with group and is interested in setting up webinars/teleconference to share information for educational purposes.
    - More information to come from Nancy
5. NDPCTF Website Review
- Nancy updated group on any changes/additions to the website.
    - ND Palliative Care Task Force and palliative care and hospice differentiation brochure is on the website and has been shared nationally.
    - Events and resources link is listed on the right side of webpage.
  - If group would like anything added to the website/page please email Nancy Joyner, Tracee Capron, or Jessica Reier.
6. Future of the ND Palliative Care Task Force / subcommittees
- Discussed the need to find funding for this project and individuals who have time to commit to the project.
    - Look for funding sources such as an innovation grant with Bremer Bank.
  - Group discussed and decided to for the original survey group to get back together determine where the task forces needs to go from here.
    - Judy Beck, Dr. Jesse Tran, Deb Knuth, and Nancy Joyner were part of the original group and are will to participate.
    - Nancy will reach out to Center for Rural Health as they are currently working on a Palliative Care project with a focus on critical access.
    - Nancy will keep group updated on developments.
  - Deb Knuth is willing to help with legislation if needed which would need to be ready by January 3, 2019.
    - Deb will send out legislation draft after January 1, 2019.
    - Tracee shared changes in Palliative Care in other states.