Indiana Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council

Year-One Report

December 9, 2016
Indiana Code IC 16-19-17 created the Indiana Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council (PCQOLAC) and the report. The advisory council was established for the following purposes:

1. To educate and advocate for quality palliative care.
2. To collect, analyze, advise on, and develop state initiatives concerning the establishment, maintenance, operation, and evaluation of palliative care in Indiana.
3. To make policy recommendations to improve palliative care and the quality of life of individuals with serious illnesses.
4. To prepare a report not later than January 1 of each year concerning the council’s findings.

The PCQOLAC met for the first time Friday, December 9, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH). The meeting agenda and topic facilitators are outlined below:

1. **Welcome and Introductions**  
   *Jennifer Walthall, MD, MPH, Deputy State Health Commissioner, ISDH*

2. **Background**  
   *Bryan Hannon, Indiana Government Relations Director, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network*

3. **Member Expectations**  
   *Keylee Wright, MA, Cancer Control Section Director, ISDH*

4. **Next Steps**  
   *Keylee Wright, MA, Cancer Control Section Director, ISDH*

5. **Ethics Training**  
   *Rachel Russell, JD, Deputy Director and Agency Ethics Officer, Office of Legal Affairs, ISDH*

6. **Adjourn**

Appointed members of the PCQOLAC are:

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<th>Name</th>
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<td>1. Susan Hickman,</td>
<td>Professor, Co-Director</td>
<td>Interdisciplinary Medical Palliative</td>
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<td>PhD</td>
<td>IU School of Nursing, IUPUI RESPECT Center</td>
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<td>2. Mika Hill, RN,</td>
<td>Executive Director</td>
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<td>3. Chris Brinneman,</td>
<td>Palliative Care Social Worker</td>
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4. **Jeffrey Imars, PharmD, MBA, BCPS**  
   **Pharmacy Operations Manager**  
   **St. Vincent Anderson Regional Hospital**  
   **Pharmacy**

5. **Steve Ivy, PhD**  
   **Senior VP for Values, Ethics, Social Responsibility and Pastoral Services**  
   **Indiana University Health**  
   **Spiritual/Religious Professional Expertise**

6. **Bryan Hannon**  
   **Indiana Government Relations Director**  
   **American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network**  
   **Patient/Family Caregiver Advocacy Group**

7. **Tom Ledyard, MD**  
   **Senior Medical Director**  
   **Palliative Care Services, Community Health Network**  
   **Physician Specialized in Hospice or Palliative Care Medicine**

8. **Lynn Robbin, MSN, RN, ANP-BC**  
   **Palliative Care Director**  
   **Franciscan Health**  
   **Registered Nurse Specialized in Hospice or Palliative Care Medicine**

9. **Gerald Walthall, MD**  
   **Retired Medical Director of Palliative Care**  
   **Franciscan Health**  
   **Physician Specialized in Hospice or Palliative Care Medicine**

10. **Karen Moody, MD**  
    **Director, Integrative Medicine and Palliative Care**  
    **Riley Hospital for Children**  
    **Physician Specialized in Hospice or Palliative Care Medicine**

11. **Stacey Sharp, MBA**  
    **Director**  
    **Palliative Care Services, Community Health Network**  
    **Administrative**

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Plans for 2017 will be to meet regularly and identify a plan of action to meet the purposes of the establishment of the advisory council as outlined in IC 16-19-17.

The PCQOLAC does not have any findings to report at this time.