**Palliative Care Advisory Council**

**May 2, 2025 | 9:30-10:30am**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Members present:** Barbara Cass, Karen Mulvihill, Tracy Wodatch, Taryn Hamre, ToniAnn Marchone.

**Others present**: Stacie Sinclair, Virginia Day, Chuck Williams, Billy Nolan, Joseph Mooney.

**Introduction**

* Karen Mulvihill called the meeting to order at 9:33am.

**Center to Advance Palliative Care (CAPC) Serious Illness Scorecard Presentation**

* Stacie Sinclair gave an update on the CAPC Scorecard.
* Stacie spoke about CAPC’s National Seminar, September 15-17, 2025 in Philadelphia, PA (CAPC.org/seminar).
* She gave a presentation on the importance of the Serious Illness Scorecard. The original report card measured the prevalence of hospital-based palliative care programs in each state; now the scorecard uses ten variables across five domains. Stacie also shared information on how Connecticut scored, and state policy recommendations.

**Q&A, Discussion with Stacie**

* Karen shared that Connecticut has a pediatric coalition, which is one of the state’s biggest initiatives at the moment.
* Karen asked about collecting data on palliative care and spoke about previous palliative care databases.
* Tracy brought up several questions based on the information Stacie presented.
* The group expressed interest in adding palliative care questions to the BRFSS.
* Virginia Day shared information on a study from Rush University about how spiritual life and chaplains can positively influence patient health.
* Stacie’s email for further questions and requests: [Stacie.sinclair@mssm.edu](mailto:Stacie.sinclair@mssm.edu)
* Following Stacie’s presentation, the group discussed next steps they can pursue to further palliative care work in the state.

**MOLST Update**

* Barbara Cass gave an update on the MOLST training group: the group is expanding the scope of their training to include members of the public, other healthcare professionals such as nurses, and EMS providers.

**Closing**

* The next meeting is scheduled for June 6th, at 9:30am.
* The meeting adjourned at 10:33am.