



MEETING MINUTES

VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System

Nebraska Hospice Veterans Partnership

June 26, 2009 10-1130 a.m.

Pictel: Omaha-site 1, Lincoln-site 2, Grand Island- site 1

VANTS: 1-(800) 767-1750 access code 23862#

Chairpersons: Jennifer Eurek & Colleen Donovan **Recorder:** Karen Maulsby

Present Omaha-Kathy Gast, Annette Kasselmann, Cynthia Longstreet, Patricia Moffatt, Amy Rosauer, Cathie Schmidt, Shane Van Dorin,
Lincoln- Colleen Nielsen, LaDonna VanEngen, Tracy Rathe, Jennifer Eurek

Grand Island-Sue Boyd, Gayle Gengenbach, Lavonne Johnson, Theresa Wood, Diana Wing

Phone: Joan Hult, Pat Moeller, Marsha Leonard, Roz Phillips, Caroline Schauer

Guests

Topic	Discussion	Decision	Vote/Consensus	Recommendations/Actions	Responsible Person
Review Previous Minutes			Approved	Corrections were made to the minutes and then approved.	Donovan & Eurek
New Members	Gayle Gengenbach; Hospice of Tabitha				
NWI Update:	Omaha: Amy Rosauer- Palliative Care overview. Interdisciplinary team of MD, NP, SW, Pastoral addressing serious illness and Pre-Hospice concerns. Lincoln: In the process of setting up ACP clinic. Grand Island: Lavonne Johnson- Palliative care consults follow a defined format on the Community Living Center (CLC); Rounds completed weekly; considerable patient teaching patients is done; family and significant others are included as appropriate.				

	Team members include medicine, pharmacy, nursing social work and Chaplin.				
Education and Training	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. HPNAA training- Deferred to next meeting. 2. CAPC-Training in MN August 2009. 3. EPEC-Caroline Schauer and Dr. Jorge Ramirez attended. 				Colleen Donovan, Caroline Schauer
Mission, Vision and Objective changes	<p>Review:</p> <p>Vision All Nebraska Veterans should have quality hospice and Palliative Care at the time and place of need</p> <p>Mission The mission of the Hospice-Veterans Partnership (HVP) of Nebraska is to establish an enduring network of hospice and VA Professionals, volunteers and other interested organizations working together to provide quality services through the end of life for all of our area's Veterans and their caregivers.</p> <p>Objectives Increase the number of VA referrals to community hospice agencies, communication between NWI and Hospice agencies to enhance end of life care for Veterans</p>			<p>Mission, Vision and Objectives were reviewed. There was discussion about the difficulty in measuring the identified objective. For instance, agencies have been instructed to ask patients upon admission if they are a veteran.</p> <p>NHPCO- to start reporting on the number veterans they serve. VA data is collected in Event Capture. Colleen Donovan will review this information and bring back to the next meeting. Jennifer Eurek will send data collection request to the NE HVP roster to report Hospice admits.</p>	Colleen Donovan
Sub Committee Reports	<p>Education-Amy Rosauer is working on getting the Wounded Warrior DVDs for distribution to nursing homes in Nebraska.</p> <p>Annual Meeting will be a ½ day program. Hospice care for Homeless is one of the identified topics of the program.</p> <p>Add the VA Benefits/Burial Brochure to the NE HVP website.</p>			<p>It was discussed how these would be sent out to nursing homes. Funding ideas for making and mailing the DVDs included: 1) asking a local college or University media department to take on the task of making copies 2) charge</p>	Education committee

				the agencies for copies.	
	Marketing- Tracy Rathe has drafted the cover letter for the Wounded Warrior DVD mailing. Supply of NE HVP brochures is running low, need to order more. Need updated VA 101 to include CBOC information			VA 101 to be updated. NE HVP brochures need to be ordered	Eurek & Donovan
	Coordination of Care-Annette Kasselmann reported the survey results.			Available on the website	Annette Kasselmann
Next Meeting	August 28, 2009 10 am				