

Canadian Network of Pediatric Hospices

Minutes of Meeting

January 8, 2010

Present: Fil, Lyse, Carol, Cheryl (CHPCA), Kristin, Lloyd

Regrets: Rauni, Janet

Guest: Sharon Baxter (CHPCA)

The focus of today's meeting was the CHPCA conference—Oct 28—31, 2010 in Ottawa.

Sharon provided background as to the dates, location, set up of the conference. This year, the conference will be Thursday to Sunday, with most workshops occurring Friday and Saturday. Sunday will wrap up mid day and include Challenge Panels and Plenary. There will be opportunities for interest groups to meet on the Wednesday afternoon (Oct 27) for up to about 3 hours; the focus of the pediatric interest group would be up to us and the Canadian Network of Palliative Care for Children (CNPCC). We may want to join them for that time.

ACTION: Cheryl/Lloyd to raise this next week at the CNPCC meeting

The Pediatric Theme for the conference is up to us. The overall theme is “Changing the National Perspective on Hospice Palliative Care”. Ideas for pediatric themes include “change” related to policy, clinical work, program direction, etc.

ACTION: We need to work with CNPCC to decide this by April/May.

Sharon has kindly left the organization of the Pediatric Challenge Panel up to us and CNPCC.

ACTION: We need to recommend topic/speakers to Sharon by April 1.

Following Sharon's information we held a discussion on potential Challenge Panel ideas. The following four were of interest to all members:

- Where do free standing hospices fit in the continuum of pediatric palliative care?
- What are the similarities and differences between children and adult palliative?
- When do we stop G-tube feeding babies?
- Is the name “pediatric palliative care” limiting our ability to serve some families?

ACTION: Cheryl will ask CNPCC if Lloyd can attend meeting next week to begin discussion on topics and process. It might be good to have 2 members of each committee meet separately to work on themes.

Instead of full day of pediatric workshops, we will have a pediatric stream throughout the conference. This will allow greater participation from others in the pediatric sessions. Workshop topics may be related to policy, clinical, partnerships, etc. There is the possibility of having one or two workshops set aside for us.

ACTION: We will discuss workshop topics later, once we know what the focus of the Challenge Panels are.

The Conference's Call For Abstracts will go out next week and abstracts will be due mid Feb. (approx 6 weeks). Someone from our committee can be on the abstract review committee.

We agreed that it would be good to market the pediatric them to the pediatric community more broadly. List may exist at CHPCA

ACTION: Sharon and Cheryl to look for list

Next meeting for us (CNPH) is Feb 5, 11-12:30 EST
(Fil will be on vacation and gave regrets)