

AGENDA

Alaska Health Care Commission

Thursday, August 16 – Friday, August 17, 2012

Providence Alaska Medical Center

West Auditorium (C Tower, Basement Level)

3200 Providence Drive, Anchorage, Alaska

Teleconference Line: 1-800-315-6338, Passcode: 2474#

Location of meeting materials in Commissioners' notebooks



Thursday, August 16

7:30 Gathering & Breakfast

Tab 1

8:00 Welcome & Introductions

Dr. Ward Hurlburt, Chair

- Commission Member and Guest Introductions

Tab 2

8:15 Improving Systems of Care for Seriously and Terminally Ill Patients

- Presentation and discussion with Commission on the questions - What does the best care for seriously/terminally ill patients look like? How do health care systems need to change to ensure patient choice and the best possible care? What role should public policy play in that change?
- Presenter:
 - **Christine Ritchie, MD, MSPH, FACP**, UC San Francisco School of Medicine

9:45 BREAK

10:00 Alaskan Reactor Panel: Provider Perspectives

Dr. Hurlburt

- Alaskan providers intimately involved in direct care for seriously and terminally ill patients will reflect on the key-note presentation regarding their top 2 or 3 “take-aways”; and will share their thoughts regarding our top challenges in meeting the needs of seriously ill Alaskans, and opportunities/recommendations for improving care for seriously ill patients in Alaska.
 - **Palliative Care Physician**
 - **Stephen Rust, MD, FACP, FAAHPM**, Director, Palliative Care and Hospice & Palliative Care Fellowship, Providence Alaska Medical Center
 - **Hospice Directors**
 - **Patricia Dooley**, Program Director, Providence Hospice [Medicare certified hospice]
 - **Donna Stephens**, Executive Director, Hospice of Anchorage [volunteer hospice]
 - **Hospital Administrator**
 - **Annie Holt**, CEO, Alaska Regional Hospital
 - **Emergency Medical Services System**
 - **Sue Hecks**, Executive Director, Southern Region EMS Council
 - **Tribal Health System**
 - **Christine DeCourtney**, Cancer Program Planning Manager, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium



Tab 2

11:00 Alaskan Reactor Panel: Community Perspectives

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- Alaskans representing a variety of perspectives from families and the community will reflect on the key-note presentation regarding their top 2 or 3 “take-aways”; and will share their thoughts regarding our top challenges in meeting the needs of seriously ill Alaskans, and opportunities/recommendations for improving care for seriously ill patients in Alaska.
- **Patient/Family**
 - **Virginia Palmer**, President, Foundation for End of Life Care (Juneau)
- **State Legislator**
 - **Senator Fred Dyson**, Alaska State Senate
- **Medical Ethicist**
 - **Ann Marie Natali**, Staff Medical Ethicist, Providence Alaska Medical Center
- **Faith Community**
 - **Rick Benjamin**, Director of Spiritual Wellness, Hope Community Resources

12:00 LUNCH *(provided)*

12:30 Public Comment Period

Dr. Hurlburt

To testify in-person indicate on the sign-in sheet at the entrance of the room
Call-in number to testify over the phone: 1-800-315-6338, Passcode: 2474#

1:30 BREAK

1:45 Preliminary Findings and Recommendations on Improving Quality and Patient Choice in End-of-Life Care

Deb

- Commission Discussion & Brainstorming Session

3:00 BREAK

Tab 3

3:15 Review and Discuss Commission Documents

Deb

4:30 Recess for the Day

Friday, August 17

7:30 Gathering & Breakfast

8:00 Recap Discussion on Improving Quality and Patient Choice in End-of-Life Care *Deb*

- Commission Discussion & Brainstorming Session

Tab 4

9:00 Tracking Prior Year Recommendations; Status Report on Previous Studies *Deb*

- Sustainable Workforce (status report on HB 78 regulations)
 - **Ward Hurlburt, MD, MPH**, Director, Division of Public Health, DHSS
- Focus on Prevention: Behavioral Health
 - **Melissa Stone**, Director, Division of Behavioral Health, DHSS
- Status Report on Statewide Long Term Care Planning
 - **Duane Mayes**, Director, Division of Senior & Disability Services, DHSS
- Federal Reform Update – Health Benefits Exchange and Medicaid Expansion
 - **Commissioner William Streur**, Department of Health & Social Services
 - **Josh Applebee**, Deputy Director of Health Policy, DHSS

10:00 BREAK

Tab 5

10:15 Statewide Health Planning Initiatives *Dr. Hurlburt*

- Panel Presentation; Q&A with Commission. Panelists:
 - **Jill Lewis**, Deputy Director, Alaska Division of Public Health
 - **Beverly Wooley**, Community Health Systems Performance Improvement Director, Division of Community Health Services, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

11:45 Wrap-Up *Deb*

12:00 Adjourn