

Executive Committee Teleconference Notes
February 26, 2007

Present: Mike Harlos, Roberta Woodgate, Filomena Nalewajek, Kim Widger, Michèle Viau-Chagnon, Sharon Baxter and Greg Adams (notetaker)

Absent: Honna Janes-Hodder and Maria Rugg

1. Call to Order and Welcome

Filomena welcomed everyone to the call.

2. Acceptance of the Agenda

The agenda was accepted with two additions.

3. Acceptance of the Minutes of Sept. 11, 2006

The minutes were accepted as presented with one change: Mike Harlos provided clarification regarding the issue of getting a standardized curriculum for nurses. Participants would like to see a broad based (interdisciplinary) clinical focus of training. Opportunities may come from this in the future.

4. Action List

The committee reviewed the action list and noted ongoing items.

5. New Business

5.1 International Pediatric Alliance (Sharon Baxter)

Sharon Baxter informed the committee about pediatric work being done in conjunction with the Worldwide Palliative Care Alliance. One of the members of the WWPCA's Advocacy Committee is a pediatric representative from South Africa. They have created a mini-committee that is focusing on pediatric issues in the developing world but are interested in pediatric issues everywhere. A year ago the WWPCA issued a declaration regarding pediatric hospice palliative care. The CNPCC Executive has reviewed the declaration and has voted to support the declaration. The CHPCA Board will be asked to support the declaration at their next face to face meeting. The mini-committee has applied for funding to provide admin support to the mini-committee. Sharon will confirm when and where the admin position will be located. The lead person in South Africa is Joan Marsden. The committee agreed this was good news and asked the CHPCA office to initiate linkages with the mini-committee.

Next Steps:

- The CHPCA office will make sure that the linkages are made between the two groups and will coordinate the link on the CHPCA Web Site
- Mike Harlos will coordinate web links on the CNPCC web site
- This item will be included on teleconference agendas for regular updates

5.2 Free Standing Hospices Discussion

The committee discussed the increase in the number of children's hospices in Canada and how these hospices can be linked to the CNPCC. After discussion it was agreed that Filomena, as Executive Director of Canuck Place Children's Hospice, will act as a link to the children's

hospices in Canada. This will be an informal link with Filomena sharing news and teleconference notes with the various hospices as well as bring their concerns to the CNPCC.

5.3 Committee Members

The committee discussed the membership of the CNPCC Executive Committee as some members are reaching the end of their terms. Greg will create a chart of the current committee members and their term expiry dates and will e-mail this to committee members. To discuss succession planning the committee agreed to table this until the next teleconference. In the mean time, the committee will put out a call for new members in the next CNPCC newsletter and will also include a call in subsequent issues of AVISO.

5.4 Winnipeg Update

Mike provided a brief update of the work going on in pediatric hospice palliative care in Winnipeg. The Pediatric Symptom Management Service continues to operate as a non-funded program with 0.3 medical funding and no nursing funding. They have had several intense referrals in the past few months that have included complicated pain management scenarios. They are making an impact and continue to look for more funding to support the program.

6 Working Groups

6.1 Research - Kim

No update at this time.

6.2 Pediatric Survey – Kim, Maria and Fil

A short update was sent to committee members prior to this teleconference. It is expected that an article for publication will be ready some time in June.

6.3 Education Update

No update at this time.

6.4 Standards Update

This item was addressed earlier in the action list review.

7 Other Business

7.1 CASH – Canadian Alliance of Child Health – Fil

Fil provided a brief update of this organization and informed the committee that she has been asked to be a part of this group as the voice of pediatric palliative care. CASH is focusing on children's health from a national perspective.

7.2 Quebec Pediatric Standards

Michèle reported that the Quebec association of pediatricians have adopted the pediatric standards published by Quebec.

7.3 Accreditation for Canuck Place Children's Hospice

Fil reported that Canuck Place has received notice of full accreditation by the CCHSA – congratulations!

7 Next Teleconference Date and Time

The committee confirmed that the next teleconference will take place on Monday, April 16th, 2007 at 1:00 pm (Eastern). Greg will send out a reminder

8 Adjournment