



MEETING MINUTES

VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System

Nebraska Hospice Veterans Partnership

December 4, 2009 10-1130 am

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

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

Chairperson Colleen Donovan, RN and Jennifer Eurek

Recorder Karen Maulsby, Program Support Assistant

Present

Omaha-Lora Lea Brennan, Rick Missell, RN, Amy Rosauer, LCSW, Jon Walker

Lincoln- Susan Burkey, Jennifer Eurek, Renee Pickerel, Tracy Rathe, Aloha Schmid

Grand Island-Heidi Beckett, MD, Cindy Miller, Theresa Wood

Phone- Howard Googins, Annette Kasselmann, Roz Phillips

Absent

Guest Sherrie Hanneman, NE ALS Association; Angela Hiller, Veterans Benefits Counselor

Topic	Discussion	Decision	Vote/ Consensus	Recommendations/ Actions	Responsible Person
Introductions and Welcome					Jennifer Eurek
Review Previous Minutes			Approved		Jennifer Eurek
NE ALS Association services, education and current state resources	Sherrie Hanneman discussed the disease process and their role in being a patient advocate using care coordination, dealing with process issues, supplies, counseling, family support, and end of life and after death concerns.				Sherry Hanneman
Veterans Benefits	Angela Hiller a veteran benefits counselor. As a rating specialist she rates the veteran based on data collected. She discussed benefits and family support. Service connection status has become				Angela Hiller

	easier to rate as it became a presumptive condition based on specific criteria.				
Sub-committee Updates	Marketing- Jennifer Eureka discussed an article in a Lincoln newspaper regarding end of life care.				Jennifer Eureka
Distribution of Lapel Pins	Colleen Donovan announced the arrival to the Hospice Veteran Partnership lapel pins. To be passed out to HVP members and agencies to honor veterans in their programs.			Each agency will receive 25 pins with re-orders available by contacting Colleen or Jennifer.	Colleen Donovan and Jennifer Eureka
Review dates of Meetings in FY 2010	Scheduled date: 4 th Friday of the month, except December. 1000-1130 a.m. February 26, 2010 April 23, 2010 June 25, 2010 August 27, 2010 October 22, 2010 December 3, 2010				Colleen Donovan
Next Meeting	February 26, 2010				