

Nebraska Hospice Veteran Partnership
January 25, 2008
Pictel Sites: Omaha-2, Lincoln-1, Grand Island-1

Members present:

Omaha- Pat Moffatt, Cynthia Longstreet, Annette Kasselmann, Diane Randolph, Kim Konyek, Karen Maulsby

Lincoln- Tracy Rathe, Colleen Nielsen, Susan Rippe, Jennifer Eurek

GI- Kelly Schneider, Cindy Hansen, Sherry Hopkins, Teresa Wood, Janelle Brock

Phone call- Pat Moeller, Ginada Hostetler, Sue Booe

1. Review of Previous Minutes November 30, 2007 -No changes requested; minutes were approved.
Website- Tracy Rathe will post the minutes and agenda items on <http://www.nehospice.org/>.
2. Strategic Priorities 2008-
Sub committee reports:
Education- Co-chair Pat Moffatt, Omaha VA (402) 995-5564 at Pat.Moffatt@va.gov or Co-chair Pat Moeller (402) 471- 9148 at pat.moeller@dhhs.ne.gov, Theresa Hanzlicek
Purpose/Charter
 - Educate and enhance quality end of life careGoal
 - All those who work with Nebraskans near the end of life have the best information and skills to meet the needs of those individuals, and their loved ones. (Mirrors 2007-2009 Strategic Plan for Nebraska Hospice and Palliative Care Partnership).Objectives
 - Send VA and SVH nurse/social worker via either ELNEC (End-of Life Nursing Education Consortium) or EPEC (Education in Palliative and End of life Care) for trainer certification. These individuals would go back to their facilities and educate the staff on end of life care.
 - Implement the Wounded Warrior video (I) into general orientation for VA, SVH and VA contracted NH facilities and Wounded Warrior video (II) during second year of employment (grandfather in all current employees).
 - Invite Deb Grassman to NWI area in 2008 – invite VA, SVH, Hospice agencies, Contract NH and then all NH (space permitting) and complete this prior to October 2008 (offer continuing educational hours).
 - Utilize the University of Nebraska GEC grant educational opportunities as they become available.

Coordination of Services- Chair Annette Kasselmann at Annette.Kiasselmann@nmhs.org

Volunteers- Diane Randolph, Cynthia Longstreet, St. Francis Hospice-pending, Colleen Nielsen

The charter for the Coordination of Care Subcommittee:

- To enhance the relationship with community hospice agencies and the VA Nebraska Western Iowa Health Care System and Nebraska State Veteran Homes for the coordination of hospice care for veterans.

The objective for the Coordination of Care Subcommittee:

- To facilitate a smooth transition for veterans to use hospice care as appropriate.

The goals of the Coordination of Care Subcommittee are:

- To review and update the VA 101 What community hospices need to know and distribute to community hospices.

- To educate health care providers in the VA Nebraska Western Iowa Health Care System and Nebraska State Veteran Homes, on the Nebraska Hospice Veteran Partnership goals and information on those participating in the partnership.
- Other discussion included notification to the VA of the veteran's death. Cynthia Longstreet pointed out that there are instructions on this procedure in the VA 101. At this point the VA is not being notified of all enrolled veteran deaths.
- The subcommittee's next meeting is February 21, 2008 @ 1pm via teleconference.

Resources- Chair Lewis Mashburn (402) 370-3330 at lewis.mashburn@dhhs.ne.gov

Volunteer- Pat Moffat

No report at this time.

Marketing- Chair Tracy Rathe, (402) 477-0204 at Tracy@nehospice.org

Volunteers- Kathy Gast, Colleen Donovan, Ginada Hostetler, John Hilgert, Janelle Brock

HVP Marketing Activity to date:

1. Design, print and distribute event brochures (ex. mental health workshop)
2. NHPCP website, pages dedicated to NE HVP
HVP toolkit available on website and promoted to Nebraska hospices through Hospice News Nebraska weekly e-newsletter
3. News releases
 - Feb. 23, 2007 – Veteran End-of-Life Issues Identified (Nebraska End-of-Life Survey Report)
 - April 18, 2007 – Professionals Working With Veterans at the End of Life Invited to Mental Health Workshop
 - Nov. 5, 2007 – Honoring Our Veterans Even at the End of Life
- Known media pick-ups:
 - March 9, 2007, LaVista Sun – Veterans data from Nebraska End-of-Life Survey
 - March 20, 2007, Hospice News Network (national e-newsletter) – Veterans data from Nebraska End-of-Life Survey
 - April 26, 2007, Nebraska Hospital Association newsletter – Veterans at the End of Life/Mental Health Workshop
 - Nov. 9, 2007, NTV Kearney interview with Good Samaritan Hospice – Veterans Day/Honoring Veterans at the end of life
4. Exhibited at June 2007 Disabled American Veterans convention in Kearney
5. Veterans-focused sessions or keynotes at NHPCP's annual conference, April
6. Blast emails (documents, meeting notices, etc.)

Marketing Subcommittee Charter: The Nebraska Hospice-Veteran Partnership Marketing Subcommittee is committed to informing Nebraska's **communities, veterans and their families** about the benefits and services of hospice through resource materials development and dissemination, online resources, media relations and Veteran events. In addition, the Marketing Subcommittee will support the Education Subcommittee in educating **professionals working in hospice and with veterans** through event promotion, materials development and dissemination, online resources and membership promotion.

There was discussion on having the Annual Meeting to coincide with an Education sub committee speaker to include CEUs and inviting community Hospice agencies. Pat Moffatt agreed to chair this activity; Jennifer Eurek, Kelly Schneider and Karen Mulsby also will help.

The next NE HVP meeting will be March 28, 2008 10-1130 a.m.