

Nebraska Hospice Veteran Partnership
November 30, 2007
Pictel Sites: Omaha-2, Lincoln-1, Grand Island-1

Members present:

Omaha- Cynthia Longstreet, Annette Kasselmann, Diane Randolph, Kathy Gast, Karen Maulsby
GI- Colleen Donovan, Kelly Schneider, Sherry Hopkins, Teresa Wood,
Lincoln- Pat Moffatt, Tracy Rathe, Colleen Nielsen, Amy Shrum, Jim Schweitzer, Pat Moeller, John Hilgert
Phone call- Lewis Mashburn, Roz Phillips, Howard Googins, Ginada Hostetler, Sue Booe

1. Review of Previous Minutes September 28, 2007 -No changes requested; minutes were approved.
 - a. Website- Tracy Rathe will post the minutes and agenda items on <http://www.nehospice.org/>. Minutes will be available within a week after our meeting.
2. Strategic Priorities 2008- Kelly Schneider- outlined the 4 sub-committees needed to move the Partnership forward. The focus of each sub-committees will be to:
 - Identify what has been accomplished to date
 - Identify needs and priorities
 - Provide autonomy to the members
 - Report progress to the NE Hospice Veteran Partnership

The following sub-committees are:

- **Education**- this sub-committee will concentrate on educating VA, SVH and Hospice agencies employees, patients and family/caregivers and the general public.
- **Coordination of Services**- this sub-committee will work on communication, to coordinate hospice and palliative care services between VA, State Homes, and Hospice agencies. The areas of focus will be among health care providers (physicians, Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners), Oncology services, Community Referral Nurses, Prosthetics and Pharmacy services to begin with.
- **Resources**- this sub-committee will focus on data collection and grant writing along with determining bed availability, payer sources, tools for clinical staff, establishing advanced care planning clinics etc.
- **Marketing**- This sub-committee will focus on getting the word out about end of life care for veterans across the state, marketing the partnership and soliciting new members. They will also work with other sub-committees and special veteran focus groups as necessary in marketing. They will focus on honoring veterans on special calendar days.

To volunteer for one of these sub-committees, please contact the following people:

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

Volunteers-, St. Francis Hospice- pending, Sherry Hopkins, Amy Shrum, Sue Booe

Coordination of Services- Chair Annette Kasselmann (402) 354-3200 at Annette.Kinselman@nmhs.org

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

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

Volunteers- Pat Moffat

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

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

Each sub-committee will meet individually before the next meeting January 25, 2008. . The first report to the Partnership should include: the beginnings of a charter, goals and objectives. Please forward any volunteer contact information (e-mail address and office phone numbers) to Karen Maulsby at Karen.Maulsby@va.gov.

3. The NE HVP Annual Meeting will be in March 2008. The date, objectives and planning group will be determined by the next meeting.
4. Discussion was held for future NE HVP meetings. Since the workgroups will be up and going by January 2008, it was suggested that Partnership meetings move to quarterly. All Sub-committees are encouraged to meet in December or early January before the next meeting.

The next NE HVP meeting will be January 25, 2008 10-1130 a.m.