

Palliative Care Work Group Minutes

Friday, January 5th 2:00 – 3:30pm

1650 Mission Street, 5th floor, Golden Gate Conference Room

Present: Christine Ritchie, Shireen McSpadden, Redwing Keyssar, Jeff Newman, Chris Strayhorn, Torrie Fields, George Keller, Loren Pogir, Ramona Davies, Jarmin Yeh, Rachel Main, Rachel Lovett, Megory Anderson, Anne Hughes, Sarah Garrigues, Cindy Kauffman, Kelly Dearman. (Phone) Bonnie Holland, Shoshana Ungerleider.

DAAS Staff: Joseph Formentos.

Introductions.

Presentation: End of Life Care for people with Dementia in San Francisco: Perspectives of Care Partners and Providers

Jarmin Yeh presented End of Life Care assessment funded by Stupski Foundation and Alzheimer's Association surveying both care partners and providers in San Francisco County. She provided statistics about how Alzheimer's disease was on the rise in San Francisco, mentioning age being a risk factor.

High quality end of life care: Care that treats the whole person, reflecting choices and values of the individual provided in a culturally sensitive manner by well-educated and well-supported family members, professionals, paraprofessionals, and volunteers within a seamless network of care.

Jarmin examined respondents' online survey results of care partners and providers—both of whom had to care for/provide for someone who died from dementia within the last two years. The persons with dementia had to live in San Francisco or receive care in San Francisco.

Anticipatory care findings, respecting needs and honoring wishes findings, palliative and hospice care findings, knowledge, information, education and training findings were some of the categories assessed in the survey.

Lastly, Jarmin went over handout recommendations of stages to discuss end of life decisions. Recommendations included three categories: providers' recommendations for other providers, care partners' recommendations for providers and care partners' recommendations to other care partners.

Update: (Re)Imagine

Rachel updated work group:

- Prepared and presented slideshow with examples of posters, signage for brochure and digital media materials coinciding with event.
- Showed billboards, banners around city and bus kiosks, including PSAs inside MUNI buses. *Artwork needs to be submitted before end of January.

Rachel mentioned new intern who will make artwork available. There will be two meetings in January for members to choose culturally-appropriate artwork and provide feedback on how it will be displayed across the city.

TO-DO: Find volunteers from group who would like to attend (Re)Imagine marketing material meetings, have them email Rachel and Joseph if interested.

- Shared revised one-pager on (Re)Imagine | End of Life event.

Rachel described Alliances, a community-building platform, which is holding an event for people who are looking to create events, share ideas and resources; also, will be a webinar of experts who will answer questions about creating events. Digital messaging and ticketing to come from Alliances platform.

- Revealed launch of new Re(Imagine) website on 2/14.
- Listed venue update for events: Swedish American Hall and Café Du Nord, Chicken John's Warehouse, African American Art & Culture Complex, Victoria Theatre, Bayview Opera House, Laguna Honda, Dolby and Public Works.

Comment: Redwing expanded on Theatre of War, a New York-based theater company, which will perform dramatic readings of Greek tragedy related to Palliative and End of Life care; as well as short panel responses to readings, and then community conversation about performance at the Cowell Theater.

- Mentioned budget for stipends awarded to event creators.
- Touched on faith initiative handout- illustrating flow-chart of The Conversation through the Congregation in Partnership with Community.

Comment: Megory explained Conversation Sabbath and Re:Imagine|End of Life coinciding with handout.

Rachel wrapped up with talking about her two growing lists of arts-related organizations who would like to partner with community organizations and groups who would like to partner with practitioners and medical community. She asked group to get in touch with her if they knew of any other art organizations to the lists.

Announcements.

None.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 1st

2-3:30pm

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All meeting information can be found here: <http://www.ltccsf.org/palliative-care>