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GENERAL ASSEMBLY



PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING HARTFORD,
CT 06106-1591

Healthcare Workforce Safety Working Group

Meeting Summary

Monday, September 30, 2024

2:30 PM on Zoom and YouTube Live

I. Welcome

- The meeting was convened by Tracy Wodatch at 2:31 PM.
- Attendance: Tracy Wodatch, Sasa Harriott, Angel Quiros, Anna Karabin, Barbara Pearce, Benjamin Murphy, David Bothwell, Chris Pankratz, Auden C. Grogins, Jenn LeDuc, John Brady, Julianne Giard, Karen Buckley, Lauren Nadeau, Rhianna Gingras, Sarah Gadsby, Josh Clark, Stephen Magro, Eric Smullen

II. Housekeeping

- Tracy Wodatch emphasized the timetable of the Working Group and that the report is due January 1st, 2025, but that there is flexibility with the date. She asked members to introduce themselves and to explain how they intersect with home and community-based services.

III. Getting to Know the Working Group

- Present members introduced themselves as well as the challenges they see in keeping healthcare workers safe in the field and how each member sees what the main goal of the Working Group is.

IV. Discussion on initial suggestions/recommendations

- Tracy was glad to hear that there were common challenge and goals among the members of the Working Group. She commented on the idea of a database and that the next steps will involve home and hospice providers. She believes that the next meeting could be focused on helping people understand the details of the vast variety of care that is provided in the community. The next meeting will also include case examples as providers deal with various cases and interact with different agencies. She believes that actual examples of cases that have presented with risk and the group can present questions and then move forward onto next steps. She asked the group if they have any strong feelings for the next meeting date which she announced as either October 15th or October 16th at 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM.
- Karen Buckley commented that she believed that they held October 15th for the next meeting in the previous meeting.
- Tracy Wodatch agrees with Karen Buckley and believed the same as well.
- Auden C. Grogins stated that she will not be available for the October 15th date.
- Rep. McCarthy-Vahey commented on the logistics of the Public Health Committee administrative staff and asked that October 15th be held for the next meeting.
- Tracy Wodatch stated that after the October 15th meeting the following meeting will be October 29th and that meetings will be held every two weeks from there forward on Mondays. She will map out a schedule and make sure that members have it in their calendars.
- Anna Karabin stated that she will not be available for the October 15th date.
- Tracy Wodatch announced that the next meeting will be on October 15th at 2:30 PM on ZOOM. She commented that the meetings are recorded and that a meeting summary will be made available.
- Eric Smullen asked who sends out the ZOOM links.
- Tracy Wodatch answered that they should be looking for emails from Piotr Kolakowski with the ZOOM link.

V. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 3:56 PM.