## State of Connecticut GENERAL ASSEMBLY



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

Working Group to Study Pediatric Hospice Services

**Meeting Summary** 

Wednesday, September

## 25,2024

3:30 PM on Zoom and YouTube Live

- I. Convene Meeting
  - The meeting was convened by Rep. McCarthy-Vahey at 3:31 PM.
  - Attendance: Rep. Cristin McCarthy-Vahey, Sen. Saud Anwar, Rep. Nicole Klarides-Ditria, Sen. Heather Somers, Tracy Wodatch, ToniAnn Marchione, Dr. Ross Albert, Erica Alexander, Karen Garlie, Carl Schiessl, Dr. Kerry Moss, Dr. Stephanie Massaro, Regina Owusu, Barbara Cass.
  - Guests: Matthew Festa.
- II. Introduction of Members
  - Members of the Working Group introduced themselves.
- III. Designation of Co-Chairs
  - Rep. McCarthy-Vahey asked Toniann Marchione and Dr. Kerry Moss to become the co-chairs of the Working Group.

- Toniann Marchionne and Dr. Kerry Moss thanked the Working Group for recommending them to become the co-chairs. They provided an overview of their experience and history working in pediatric hospice.
- Sen. Heather Somers offered a motion for Dr. Kerry Moss and ToniAnn Marchione to become co-chairs of the Working Group and Tracy Wodatch seconded the motion.
- Dr. Kerry Moss and Toniann Marchione were elected as co-chairs unanimously on a voice vote.

IV. Working Group Scope of Work

- Rep. McCarthy-Vahey read the Working Group Scope of Work. She emphasized the timetable of the Working Group.
- V. Meeting Schedule
  - Rep. McCarthy-Vahey suggested keeping a general timeframe for meetings and asked the Chairs to have a discussion on future meeting dates and report back to the group.

VI. Announcement of Time and Date of Next Meeting

- Rep. McCarthy-Vahey announced that the next meeting will be on October 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM on ZOOM.
- Sen. Anwar thanked everyone for their public service and hopes that the recommendations will make sure that kids receive help when they need it in a timely fashion.
- Rep. Klarides-Ditria thanked everyone for their public service.
- Sen. Somers thanked everyone for their public service.
- VII. Adjournment
  - The meeting adjourned at 3:59 PM.