



June 3, 2021
Childhood Cancer Workgroup Minutes

Goals from the 2021-2025 Cancer Plan:

Goal 8: Expand resources for patients and families, including palliative care and end of life care

- Strategy 1: Needs assessment
- Strategy 2: Address needs
- Strategy 3: Resource Repository
- Strategy 4: Promote Resources

Goal 9: Provide didactic and hands-on training opportunities for healthcare providers related to childhood cancer and post-treatment survivorship needs.

- Strategy 1: Nurse Training
- Strategy 2: Primary Care Provider Training
- Strategy 3: Social Worker Training

Meeting Notes

Attendees

Workgroup Lead: Dr Van Doorninck
Minutes: Dr. Van Doorninck
WDH Support staff: Jessica Rizzuto
Edith Silvas- WCRS
Elizabeth Goodwin- UW school of nursing
Joan Mills
Emma Hardwick- LLS

Meeting Notes:

Part of our discussion focused on the Cancer Control Plan's Childhood Cancer Section, Goal #8 ("Expanding Resources for Patients and Families, Including Palliative Care and End of Life Care") (see page 31 of the Wyoming Cancer Control Plan). With regards to the palliative care, I (Dr. V) mentioned that our palliative care team is working on a WebEx seminar for pediatric palliative care, which will likely be a WebEx with possible option for in-person training in Denver. We hope this will be ready sometime in the next few months. Our team is in communication with Kilty Brown, the Director of the Central Wyoming Hospice on this issue.



We also discussed Strategy 3, which focuses on maintaining a resource repository for pediatric cancer resources. Emma was working on creating a document to which we might contribute resources to an existing database. I have communicated with one of our social workers at RMHC, Erica Berge, to explore lists of resources that might expand on an existing, Wyoming-specific databases. She was very helpful in this regard.

Dr. Van Doorninck sent a list of some of the resources she has compiled over the years.

The list is divided into resources categorized in the following areas:

1. Sharing information
2. Communities for support and education
3. Financial support
4. Local counselling
5. Prescription Drug Assistance
6. Wig Resources
7. Phone apps
8. Fun organizations
9. Wish organizations
10. School support
11. Other helpful organizations.

A couple of the organizations are based in Denver, but would be available for children from Wyoming being treated in Denver.

Also, at the end of the list, are a few resources specific to adolescent and young adult patients.

Finally, we also made progress on the survey being sent to families requesting input on additional services needed (thanks Elizabeth!).



Action Items:

Elizabeth will send out a list of questions about what we've got so far, make comments on paring it down, and get back to her by 6/17/21.