



May 23, 2022  
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

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**Meeting Notes**

**Attendees**

Minutes: Jessica Rizzuto  
WDH Support staff: Jessica Rizzuto  
John Van Doorninck  
Lisa Eades-Jason's Friends  
Chris Bartholomew

**Meeting Notes:**

- Group discussed the results of the survey and next steps.
  - 25 respondents so far and it was decided we will send out the survey again to see if anyone else responds.
- A few key themes came out of the survey and informed the group of how we could best serve the needs of our stakeholders
- Key Themes:
  - Mediport access
    - Continuing ed for nursing staff could help alleviate some of the issues surrounding mediport access
    - Continue with outreach and education
  - Respite care is a need
    - Possibly create a task force for respite care
    - Create a survey for patients and caregivers surrounding interest in respite care
  - Mental health and financial support is needed



- Support particularly surrounding siblings
- Acknowledgement of siblings is a need many indicated
- Financial support was listed as a need
  - Jason's Friends can now assist with medical financial
    - Can cover insurance deductibles
- Next Steps:
  - Create task group for nursing education
    - Explore nursing support
  - Brainstorm respite care and ways to improve
  - Brainstorm mental health support
  - Research what kind of care plans are sent out to the families and schools
  - Education program for schools
    - To include improved communication between hospitals and schools
    - Establish medical contacts to give to schools
    - Establish relationships between school and cancer center social workers
    - Create a reference document for schools to include core recommendations

#### **Action Items**

- Group members read through survey results and provide feedback for next steps