



February 7, 2023
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

Minutes: Jessica Rizzuto

WDH Support staff: Jessica Rizzuto

John Van Doorninck- Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children

Amy Shoales- Health One

Kily Brown-Wyoming Hospice

Dawn Guerrero-LLS

Meeting Notes:

- MOU with UW Psychology Department has been drafted and is waiting on final approval
 - Mental Health support will include drop in sessions, scheduled support, bereavement support and full diagnostic assessments. These will all be at a discounted price and made available to families affected by childhood cancer
- Dr Van Doorninck gave a brief update on Camp Courage
 - Huge hit and this year they were able to invite 13, instead of 10 families, to participate
 - Gives families an opportunity to connect with each other and disconnect from the stress of childhood cancer
 - Next years camp will take place 2nd week of August
- The next 5 year cancer plan will be in the planning phase soon
 - Group discussed what should be focused on for the next plan



- It was decided that the group will look over other states' cancer plans that include childhood cancer for ideas on how to move forward.
- Jessica will also send out “Cancer Plan Tip Sheet” for ways to incorporate childhood cancer

Goal Updates:

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

Strategy 1: Needs assessment- **Completed**

Strategy 2: Address needs- Key needs have been identified and group is working towards addressing these needs- **Ongoing**

- Mediport access
 - Continuing ed for nursing staff could help alleviate some of the issues surrounding mediport access: Amy will research trainings to assist with this need
 - Continue with outreach and education
- Palliative and Hospice care
 - Wyoming Hospice is exploring creating a pediatric care packet
 - Nurse Navigators from Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children are working on a recorded training to share with other organizations
- Respite care is a need- This has not been addressed
 - 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- **Ongoing**
 - MOU in progress with UW Psychology Department
 - Support particularly surrounding siblings-Resources provided by Jason’s Friends in Welcome Packet

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Strategy 3: Resource Repository- **Completed**

- Repository is housed on Jason’s Friends website and Jessica will work on getting the link added to the WYCC site

Strategy 4: Promote Resources- **Ongoing**

- Resources will be promoted through Jason’s Friends newsletter and through targeted outreach for clinics who have treated pediatric cancer patients

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- **Ongoing**

- Exploring the use of clinical nurse educators

Strategy 2: Primary Care Provider Training- **No progress**

Strategy 3: Social Worker Training- **No progress**

Action Items

- Jessica Rizzuto
 - Send out ["Cancer Plan Tip Sheet" for ways to incorporate childhood cancer](#)
 - Research other states cancer plans and compile plans that include childhood cancer
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