

## **Advance Directive Advisory Committee (ADAC)**

### **Meeting Summary**

**May 23, 2023**

#### **Follow up from February meeting**

At the February meeting, ADAC members asked about the changes made by the legislature after they received ADAC recommendations. Chair Woody English shared the following:

- The words “extraordinary suffering” were not included in the final language of the Advance Directive to improve readability. It was felt that the spirit of the concept was preserved in the way that section is constructed.
- Finding the best language for speaking to the needs of the disability community in Section 3B remains an issue for a future conversation and should be taken up by ADAC for the next set of recommendations to the legislature.

#### **Membership update**

Charina Walker of OHA shared that all ADAC seats are now filled. If anyone has questions about membership they should reach out to Charina.

#### **Form on OHA website**

We discussed the form on the OHA website that is not the Advance Directive, but gives people the ability to represent a health care representative. It doesn't have instructions, nor does it include a person's wishes. The form has to exist due to legislation, but it shouldn't be called the short form of the Advance Directive.

The Committee discussed whether it should be on the Advance Directive website and decided it should stay on the website and be renamed. We might call it “Form for Appointment of Health Care Representative and Alternate and add “Only” or “Without Providing Instructions.” The Steering Committee will come up with language and run it by the larger group for approval. Proposed language will be sent out via email.

#### **Measuring success**

The Committee discussed how to measure the success of the Advance Directive and whether people are using it. OHA didn't have additional information about relevant data already collected by the agency. The group brainstormed some ideas for measuring success that might be easier and less costly. Ideas included:

- Request Legislature to gather data on Advance Directives
- Request health systems to provide info on Advance Directives (this potentially could be done by running a report on EMRs)

- How could hospitals be persuaded to do this?
  - State Surveyors. Six groups are required to submit info on Advance Directives to CMS, so this info exists.

The Committee agreed to form a Quality Subcommittee to consider options for measuring success. Members will include:

- John Holmes
- Deborah de Quevedo
- John Merrick
- Eriko Onishi

### **Education efforts**

Bill shared that he gave a presentation for the Clackamas Community College Gerontology group. Woody provided a presentation to Partners in Care, with 25 participants. Woody and Eriko are providing a presentation to Oregon Gerontology Association (OGA). Woody will send the link to the OGA presentation to the Committee. Committee members are welcome to join.

Eriko and Bill will be providing another hybrid presentation at the Portland State Office Building on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Charina will send out the information for that meeting. Committee members are welcome to join online or in person.

The Committee agreed to form an Education Subcommittee. Members will include:

- Barb Hansen
- Meredith Williamson
- Eriko Onishi
- Woody English
- Bill Hamilton

John Merrick volunteered to join when he can.

### **Next steps**

- Steering Committee will come up with language to rename the “short form” on the website and email it out to the group for approval.
- Subcommittee members will organize their own meeting times and Charina will join if she can.
- Charina will send meeting invite for the June 13<sup>th</sup> ADAC Lunch and Learn hybrid meeting at PSOB.
- Charina will send Doodle Polls for the September and December ADAC meetings.

- Steering Committee will come up with a plan for staggering appointments and bring proposal to the next meeting.

**Members present:**

Woody English

Eriko Onishi

John Homes

John Merrick

Barb Hansen

Bill Hamilton

Deborah de Quevedo

Meredith Williamson

Christopher Hamilton

**Staff present:**

Diana Bianco (facilitator)

Charina Walker (OHA staff)

**Members absent:**

Kristine Dukart-Harrington

Jennifer Hopping

Fred Steele