

Colorado Cancer Coalition
Quality of Life/Cancer Survivorship Task Force
Conference Call Minutes

Date of Call: January 26, 2009

1) The QOL Task Force continued to discuss the best way to organize itself into smaller working groups to prepare the new Colorado Cancer Plan, QOL chapter, for 2010-2015.

- Al Marcus will continue to receive recommendations from the Task Force and report recommendations on the next call scheduled for 2-9-09

2) Regardless of how we organize into smaller groups, several themes were mentioned on the call that should be included in our revised QOL chapter.

- Need to include caregivers/family members
- Need to include cancer treatment summaries and care plans
- For newly diagnosed patients, need to include informed treatment decision-making
- Need to draw distinction between reimbursed services vs. non-reimbursed services
- Plan should include more than simply "self management", also physician education, etc.
- Psychosocial and emotional support programs
- Palliative care and hospice/end-of-life care should continue to be emphasized
- Work, insurance, financial issues/concerns must be included
- Cancer Survivorship Clinics/Programs and Medical follow-up also included

3) Al reminded everyone to please add your name to the QOL Task Force membership if you have not already done so.

4) Several Task Force members have contacted Al to see if the current Monday schedule for these calls can be changed (inconvenient).

- If Monday afternoons do not work, please email to Al better days and times
- After organizing into subgroups, the subgroup chairs will be scheduling their own follow-up meetings as well

5) Agenda for next conference call (2-9-09 at 1:30): 866-606-0744; passcode: 5106654785

- Welcome/Roll Call
- Revising Task Force Name to Emphasize Cancer Survivorship
- Organization into Subgroups
- Subgroup Chairs
- Conference Call Schedule Beyond 2-23
- Quarterly Meetings
- Next Steps
- Other Business