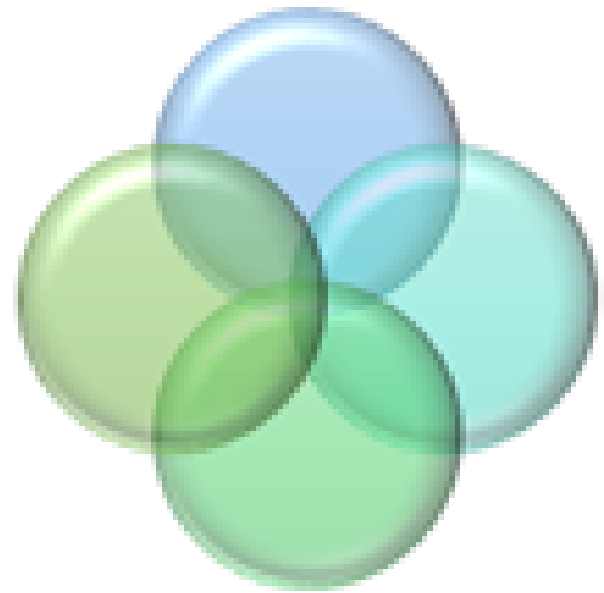


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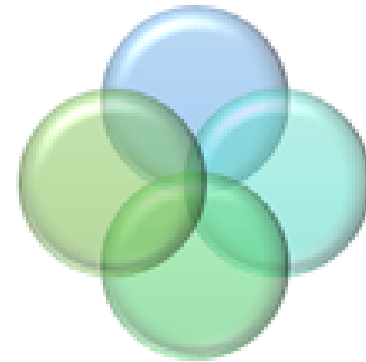


Pursuing our mandate

Wednesday 3 September 2025

Moving forward

- Proposal & our CT Assembly mandate...per Senator Anwar
- Other important themes
- Activity Ownership
- Directional timeline





CT State Assembly 'Ask' per Senator Anwar

Transcript text from our launch call: What's expected of us, when we need to deliver it

"We are hoping at the next legislative cycle to have some deliverables - so that there's a legislative opportunity to make things happen that you think would be critical. Of course, workforce is an issue, training is an issue. What that will entail is going to be an issue.

- How do we actually prove that some of the things would work?
- How can we enhance existing hospice programs?
- What would be the cost associated with some of these implementations? (eg, workforce, training)

Those are going to be critical. Money at times we say is tight, but I think this is one area which is so dear to literally every legislator that we will try and see what we can do to make sure we create something. So again, your collective wisdom and your focused asks of legislative results would be very helpful."

OUR 'ASK': Deliver a final draft proposal by Fri, Feb. 6, 2026 to the Assembly that will include:

- Prove the need for a pediatric program using metrics/data
- Analyze existing state programs to assess need for enhancements
- Propose pilot costs for Assembly budget



Other important themes

Additional elements raised during our call that we need to explore and should be included in our Assembly proposal

Create a vision for where we want to be

- Pursue and integrate thought leadership by exploring best practices using experts' knowledge, whitepapers, other states' programs, Action Team members' accomplishments, family experiences
- Offer a best practice model and suggest phases for CT to achieve this
- Propose an approach to offer patient individualized care plans to allow each child and caregiver to have a personalized roadmap for support

Workforce development...increase the number of skilled providers

- Support Fairfield Univ EGAN School of Nursing program in Fall 2025 to train RNs in pediatric hospice care
- Expand Center of Excellence (CoE) best practice models through Connecticut Children's Hospital and Regional Hospice of Western CT to offer dedicated resources (expand to others as appropriate)

Create comprehensive education & communications

- This will ensure that practitioners, facilities, state programs and families have access to guidance and resources when patients/families most need them and that there are consistent protocols that can be followed



Activity 'Owners'

How we'll accomplish these with your help

NOTE: Action Team members (along with other stakeholders) may be asked and/or can contribute to these areas of focus as desired. Having a single point of contact – aka 'owner' -will help coordinate results and minimize confusion.

Best Practices Consultations

- Marchione, Moss

Data/Metrics Collection

- ?

Resource Development/RN Education

- O'Shea

Certification & Licensure Criteria

- Cass

Project Management

- Witthoft

Communications Planning

- TBD



Directional Timeline

Mapping next steps

	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Project plan monitoring to support goals, deliverables, map to deadlines						
Data/Metrics 'Guru' solicits data with existing entities in CT (hospitals, hospice, medical practices, Solomon report info, etc) to support pediatric need				*By Fri 12/20		
Best Practices Consultations hosted with Chairs				*By Fri 12/20		
RN Education delivered	Fall 2025 semester				Spring 2026 semester	
Certification & Licensure criteria defined			*By Fri 10/4			
Certification assessment of CT agencies occurs to determine gaps & needs for pediatric program					*By Fri 12/20	
Communications Plan For Pilot developed					*By Fri 12/20	
All proposal components finalized; Action Team submits info to Chairs					*By Mon 1/10	
Draft Assembly proposal prepared and shared with team for edits and input; report will include a vision of where we hope to be and frames out elements requested by Sen Anwar and key Action team elements to launch a Pilot in 2026					*By Mon 1/20	
Pilot proposal submitted to P. Kolakowki and Assembly for Feb session						Thurs 2/6

Indicates target date to conclude activity and revert information to Marchione/Moss (with cc: to Witthoft); please note that **mid-Jan is a significant deadline to allow us to finalize a proposal, obtain feedback and revert the proposal to the Assembly*

Action Team Discussion

Questions, challenges, ideas

