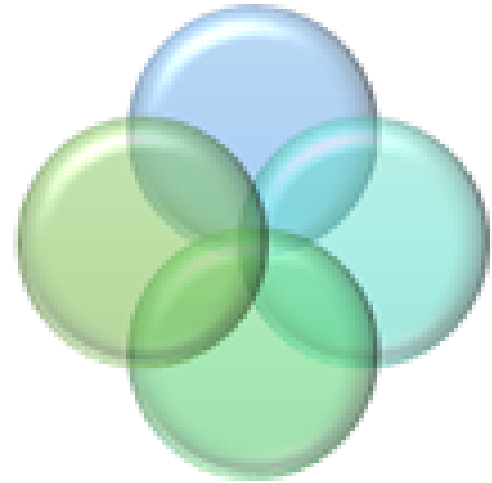


CHAMP Action Group

Wednesday, 17 September 2025



Today's Discussion

- Solomon Center at Yale 2025 Whitepaper: *Thought Leadership Themes, Lessons Learned, Recommendations*
- Debrief from Sept 3
- Progress/Updates from Team



Wendy Jiang (Research Fellow), Elle Rothermich (Deputy Director), and Eugene Rusyn (Senior Academic Fellow), [Building a Strong Foundation for Pediatric Palliative Care in Connecticut: Establishing a Statewide Coverage Pathway & Expanding Primary Palliative Care Education for Pediatric Clinicians](#), Solomon Center White Paper (June 2025)

This white paper identifies two foundational barriers to PPC access and proposes two key reforms, one to address each barrier:

- **First Barrier:** Limited insurance coverage for PPC outside of hospice
 - **First Reform:** Establishing a statewide PPC coverage pathway
 - ***Recommended Pathway Options for CT:***
 - (1) State Plan Amendment
 - (2) Fully State-Funded Benefit (MA Model)
- **Second Barrier:** Shortage of care providers with palliative care training
 - **Second Reform:** Expand primary palliative care education for pediatric clinicians



Themes, Debrief from Sept 3 Call

Recommendations from our discussion

Focus larger Advisory meetings on best practices to offer awareness raising by inviting thought leaders to share their expertise (*eg, speakers: Jessica Pope, Solomon Center*)

Extract & compile data from existing resources, reports, practitioners; analyze for Assembly report (*eg, Katie Beckett Waiver*)

Actively include testimonials from families to drive home the need for and urgency of focusing on and supporting children's life-limiting health issues

Compile sample 'parent interview' questions to explore family gaps/needs (*Dr Moss, J. Pope*)

Propose baseline recommendations for licensure and certifications using results from DPH work group (*B. Cass*)

Analyze MA model to extract best ideas to help build model that reflects CT's unique needs (*ie, don't replicate MA program but carve out elements that will work for CT*)

Compile links/lists of existing resources to guide families & practitioners (*eg, O'Shea & Pope research*)



Looking Ahead

Call Recap and Next Steps

Today's Discussion

Questions, Comments, New Ideas



Updates since Sept 3 call

Team Activities, Connecting the Dots

Upcoming Meetings

October Calls

(Calendar Invitations & Links Forthcoming)

Action Team

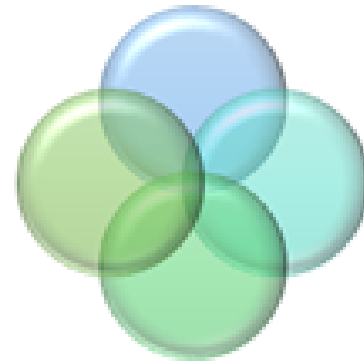
- *October 8th - 1-2p ET*
- *October 22nd - 1-2p ET*

Advisory Committee

- *Wed, Sept 24th - 1-2:30p ET*
- *October 29th - 1-2:30p ET*

Appendix

- Timeline
- Building the Assembly report





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*

Synopsis/Reminder – Building Our Assembly Report



Assembly Proposal Elements

Assembly 'Ask'	Creating a vision for CT	Increase the number of skilled practitioners & providers	Create comprehensive information & communications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursue and integrate thought leadership • Offer a best practice model to Assembly • Propose patient individualized care plans and a personalized roadmap • Include family testimonials to emphasize gaps and urgency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify a baseline of certification & licensure requirements • Support Fairfield Univ EGAN School of Nursing program • Build and expand Center of Excellence (CoE) best practice models 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer practitioners and healthcare providers awareness of and access to comprehensive and skilled resources • Guide families to comprehensive information and skilled resources

Activity Team Leads

Best Practices Consultations	Marchione, Moss
Data/Metrics Collection	Witthoft to compile data via thought leadership, testimonials, other programs' activities & reports
Resource Development/RN Education	O'Shea
Certification & Licensure Criteria	Cass
Communications & Awareness/Education	Utilize existing program recommendations