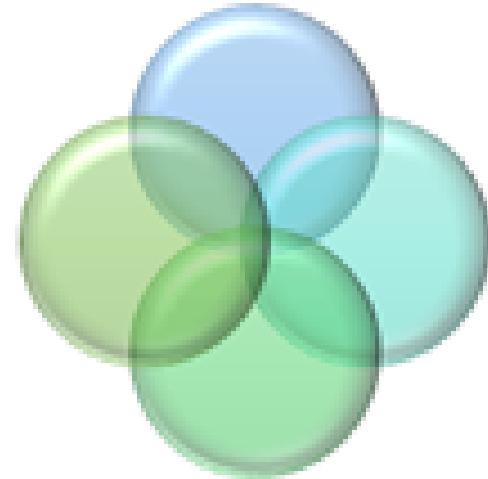


CHAMP Action Group

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*)

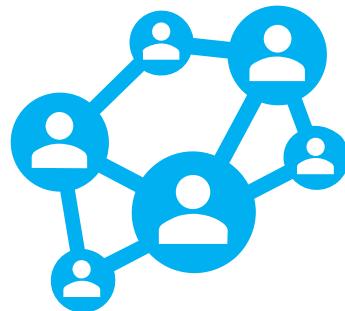
Compile links/lists of existing resources to guide families & practitioners (eg, *O'Shea & Pope research*)



Looking Ahead

Call Recap and Next Steps

Today's Discussion *Questions, Comments, New Ideas*



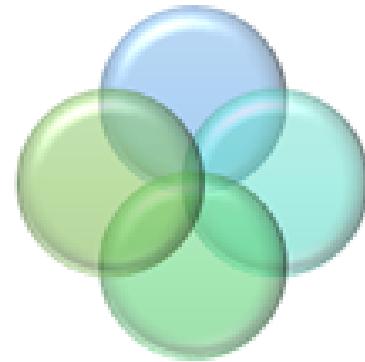
Updates since Sept 3 call *Team Activities, Connecting the Dots*

Upcoming Meetings *October Calls* (Calendar Invitations & Links Forthcoming)

Action Team	Advisory Committee
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>October 8th - 1-2p ET</i>• <i>October 22nd - 1-2p ET</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Wed, Sept 24th - 1-2:30p ET</i>• <i>October 29th - 1-2:30p ET</i>

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						
Best Practices Consultations hosted with Chairs						
RN Education delivered						
Certification & Licensure criteria defined						
Certification assessment of CT agencies occurs to determine gaps & needs for pediatric program						
Communications Plan For Pilot developed						
All proposal components finalized; Action Team submits info to Chairs						
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						
Pilot proposal submitted to P. Kolakowski and Assembly for Feb session						

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