

**SD COUNTY COALITION FOR IMPROVING END OF LIFE CARE**  
**Meeting Minutes Weds. Aug. 4, 2010**  
**3890 Nobel Dr. Condo # 404**  
**San Diego, CA 92122**

**Attendees:**

Dr. Doris Howell (SDHIPM), Vanessa Chicca, Sarah Cupples (SDHIPM), Chris Knudsen (Hospice of the No Coast), Theresa Zamso (Eye Bank), Caroline Flanders (Agape Family Dir Funerals), Sharon Lund (Sacred Life), Vonnie Switzer (Vitas).

Meeting called to order by Vanessa @ 9:30am.

**Minutes Approval:**

Vanessa 1<sup>st</sup>, Theresa 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Financial Update:**

Vanessa has Quickbooks set up in home office to track the Coalition's expenses & bills payments. As of 7/1/10, balance = \$4,914.90. Bills paid this past month: \$192.00 for 6 mos of internet service, \$28.42 for business cards.

**Membership Report:**

No changes. Dr. Howell has two people who are interested in participating in our meetings. We invite them to join us.

**POLST:**

Confirmed SD Coalition for EOL Care's speaking engagement for medical professionals, an introduction to POLST (9/23/10 @ Eye Bank). Chris/ Vanessa/ Sarah to coordinate/facilitate. Caroline to provide breakfast. Sharon will check/greet people in. Vanessa will create email flyer for distribution to Coalition contacts. RSVP to Vanessa. Limited to 25 seats.

**Community Events:**

SDHIPM: National hospice industry leader Gary Gardia, LCSW will be presenting "working with challenging family dynamics" Weds. Aug. 18 (6 - 7:30pm). Location: 4311 Third Ave SD, 92103, Keck Conference Center. Call SDH 619-688-1600 to register. CEUs provided.

SDHIPM: Art, Wine, & Music. Location: 4311 Third Ave SD, 92103. Art reception dates: Sept. 12 and Nov. 7, 2010 (2 – 4pm). Tours of the ICC available at 3 pm.

SDHIPM: Third Annual San Diego Hospice Invitational Golf Tournament, The Crosby at Rancho Santa Fe. Tues. Sept. 14. For additional information, contact Tylie Daniels (619) 278-6509.

Hospice of the North Coast: Camp Hope for Kids, 3 more spaces available for Sat. Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> @ Rawhide Ranch. Contact Chris Knudsen for details.

Vitas: Partnering with Veterans Museum & Memorial at Balboa Park on Aug. 14 (9am-4pm) for “The Spirit of 45.” Cake/ reception in the park to honor the last day of WWII, & the veterans who’ve served. Contact Vonnie Switzer for details.

Vitas: Vonnie Switzer is organizing “Cinema Group” to be held 4 times/ year for bereavement support. First movie night is Tues. Aug. 10 showing “Two Weeks” (starring Sally Fields). Contact Vonnie Switzer for details.

POLST Coalition/ SD Med Society: Hosting one day training for medical professionals on Th. Aug. 19 (8am-5pm). Contact Chris Knudsen for details.

SD Eye Bank: Hosting Nurses Advisory Board meeting Sept. 16 (8am-1pm). CEUs provided, a variety of speakers will be discussing EOL care issues. Contact Theresa Zamso for details.

**Book Review:**

- “Visions, Trips, & Crowded Rooms.” (David Kessler).
- “Graceful Passages.” (Elizabeth Kubler-Ross, et al).
- “Hello from Heaven.” (Bill/ Judy Guggenheim).
- “Truly Alive.” (Jon LaSage, with Vanessa and Sharon).

**Next Mtg:**

Weds. Sept. 1 (9:30am).