

CHAPTER 1680**MAINE HOSPICE COUNCIL****§8611. Maine Hospice Council established**

The Maine Hospice Council is established to coordinate a statewide hospice program of training, education and advocacy as a body politic and a public instrumentality of the State. For the purposes of this chapter, "council" means the Maine Hospice Council. [PL 1989, c. 596, Pt. F, §2 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1989, c. 596, §F2 (NEW).

§8612. Rule-making authority

The council has the authority to adopt rules as necessary in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, to carry out its responsibilities. [PL 1989, c. 596, Pt. F, §2 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1989, c. 596, §F2 (NEW).

§8613. Meetings

The council shall meet at least once a year. Special meetings shall be held as deemed necessary by the council. The minutes of all proceedings of the council shall be a public record available and on file in the office of the council. Members of the council shall be compensated according to the provisions of Title 5, chapter 379. [PL 1989, c. 596, Pt. F, §2 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1989, c. 596, §F2 (NEW).

§8614. Council budget; financing; executive director

The council shall prepare and adopt a biennial budget for presentation to the Governor and the Legislature as a request for appropriations sufficient to carry out its statutory responsibilities. The council may accept contributions of any type from any source to assist it in carrying out its responsibilities and to make arrangements regarding the administration of these funds as may be required as a condition precedent to the receipt of these funds by the Federal Government or any other source. [PL 1991, c. 145 (AMD).]

The council may employ an executive director who shall be the principal administrative and executive employee of the council. The executive director may hire staff as necessary to carry out the responsibilities for the coordination of all affairs of the council including, but not limited to, the training and education of volunteers, health care professionals and the general public. The executive director is also responsible for advocacy on behalf of community hospices throughout the State. The executive director may obtain office space, goods and services as required to carry out these responsibilities. [PL 1989, c. 596, Pt. F, §2 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1989, c. 596, §F2 (NEW). PL 1991, c. 145 (AMD).

§8615. Palliative care initiatives

To the extent allowed by available resources, the council shall establish a palliative care consumer and professional information and education program to maximize the effectiveness of palliative care

initiatives by ensuring that comprehensive and accurate information and education are available to the public, health care providers and health care facilities. The council shall publish and maintain on a publicly accessible website information and resources related to palliative care, including, but not limited to, links to external resources, continuing professional education opportunities, delivery of palliative care in the home and in primary, secondary and tertiary care environments, best practices for palliative care delivery and consumer educational materials and referral information for palliative care, including hospice care. The council may develop and implement other initiatives regarding palliative care services and education as it determines to be appropriate. The council may seek and accept funding to cover the costs of the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Advisory Council under section 1726. In performing its work under this section, the council shall consult with the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Advisory Council. [PL 2015, c. 203, §3 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 2015, c. 203, §3 (NEW).

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