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To: Joan Rooke  
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Subject: Fw: A check-in - material to hold for LEAP V2 Consideration

Hi Joan,

Would you please start a "LEAP V2 Considerations" file, print a copy of this note from [REDACTED] and include it for future consideration.

Thanks  
Michael

----- Original Message -----

From: [REDACTED]  
To: 'Michael Aherne' [REDACTED]  
Subject: A check-in

Hello Michael,

I hope you have had a joyful and peace filled holiday. I am checking in as I never received the teaching materials that you wanted me to review (following our facilitator meeting in the fall). I am still very interested in participating in and supporting the Pallium initiative in any way possible; however, I must admit to being puzzled that the work we had agreed to did not come through.

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT  
FAMILY CENTRED APPROACH

My research in the area of advance care planning with families having a member newly diagnosed with advanced lung cancer has led me to another thought about how to promote a more family centered approach. The process (based on the Respecting Choices Patient Centered Advance Care Planning program from Wisconsin) involves a family discussion about their understanding of and experience with the illness, what makes life worth living for the patient, past experiences with the health care system as well as death and dying. In the context of this discussion, there is a conversation of patient preferences in relation to threshold situations. For example, needing hospital care when the possibility of survival is low; needing hospital care when the possibility of survival is good but with an outcome of functional impairment; needing hospital care when the possibility of survival is good but with an outcome of cognitive impairment; when heart stops beating and lungs stop breathing; and, in the circumstance of severe progressive breathing difficulty.

It seems to me that teaching how to have this kind of conversation with families might be a practical way to accomplish many of the objectives we have talked about in the past without going into family systems theory and practice.

Happy New Year! [REDACTED]

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FLAG TO ADVANCE CARE  
PLANNING USING A  
FAMILY CENTRED APPROACH  
THAT OTHERS IN CANADA HAD  
TO 'CATCH UP WITH' VIS-A-VIS  
PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION