

FLORIDA CANCER CONTROL AND RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Thursday, April 23, 2026, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Council Members in Attendance:

- Representative Linda Chaney - House Speaker Appointee
- Autumn Citta, ARNP - Governor Appointee
- Christopher Cogle, MD - Senate President Appointee
- Paul Hull, PhD - American Cancer Society
- Erin Kobetz, PhD - Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center University of Miami (Chair)
- Joseph Ladapo, MD, PhD - Florida Surgeon General (represented by Laura Corbin)
- Merritt Martin - House Speaker Appointee
- Alfredo Quiñones-Hinojosa, MD - Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville
- Luis Raez, MD - Florida Hospital Association
- Ramzi Salloum, PhD - University of Florida Health Cancer Center (Vice Chair)
- Susan Vadaparampil, PhD, MPH - Moffitt Cancer Center

Council Members Not in Attendance:

- Senator Colleen Burton - Senate President Appointee
- Mike Diaz, MD - Association of Community Cancer Centers
- Jessica MacIntyre, DNP, MBA, APRN, AOCNP - Florida Nurses Association
- Nitesh Paryani, MD - Florida Medical Association
- Mitchell Peabody, DO - Florida Osteopathic Medical Association

Others:

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| • Leanne Alexander | • Monique | • Bobbie McKee |
| • McKinsie | Hernandez | • Leah Mitchem |
| • Anderson | • Allison Ivey | • Bridgette Morton |
| • Danny Armstrong | • Lori Koch | • Brooke Murray |
| • Tarik Benidir | • Till Krenz | • Julie Newberry |
| • D'Elia Bonilla | • Janice Krieger | • Deandrea |
| • Lacoadia Burkes | • Heather Lake- | Newsome |
| • Laura Corbin | Burger | • Vicki Piazza |
| • Jeff Feller | • Paul Ledford | • Jose Plmiento |
| • Bill Fredericks | • Valarie Lee | • Lindsey Redding |
| • Shana Geary | • David Lee | • Betsy Shenkman |
| • Thom George | • Peyton Lurk | • Chris Sugg |
| • Anders Gutierrez | • Ashley Lyerly | • Jody Sullivan |
| • Susan Harbin | • Sam Marticorena | • Lynn Vinson |
| • Meredith Hennon | • Martin Martino | • Jennifer Woodard |
| | • Justice Mbizo | • Vanessa Yoder |

Welcome & Introductions

Dr. Erin Kobetz welcomed members and guests and noted this was the first CCRAAB meeting held outside of Moffitt Cancer Center. She discussed plans to rotate future meetings throughout Florida and reaffirmed the Council's commitment to advancing implementation of the Florida Cancer Plan.

Approval of Minutes from November 14, 2025 Meeting

Dr. Erin Kobetz presented the minutes from the meeting on November 14, 2025. Dr. Ramzi Salloum made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. Dr. Paul Hull seconded the motion. The Council concurred with no objections.

Florida Cancer Plan 2026-2030 – Highlights of Opportunities for Action

The Council reviewed implementation opportunities within the new Florida Cancer Plan, including surveillance, prevention, screening, treatment, survivorship, pediatric cancer, research priorities, and strategies to address regional disparities across Florida.

Florida Department of Health Updates

Laura Corbin provided updates on statewide cancer control efforts, including breast and cervical cancer screening, colorectal cancer screening, HPV-related initiatives, survivorship activities, and Tobacco Free Florida programs.

Biomedical Research Advisory Council (BRAC) Update

Dr. Danny Armstrong presented updates on the state-supported biomedical and cancer research programs and opportunities to strengthen translational research collaboration.

State Legislative Update & Discussion

Representative Linda Chaney and Susan Harbin, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, provided legislative updates, including healthcare appropriations, cancer research funding, mobile mammography initiatives, and pending health-related legislation. It is still to be determined when the Legislature will close the 2026 legislative session.

OneFlorida Presentation

Dr. Betsy Shenkman presented on the OneFlorida Clinical Research Consortium, its statewide data resources, governance model, and opportunities for cancer research collaboration.

Community Outreach & Engagement

Dr. Ramzi Salloum presented on the University of Florida Health Cancer Center Community Outreach and Engagement outreach activities focused on cancer prevention, screening, navigation, survivorship, and community-engaged research.

North Central Regional Cancer Control Collaborative Updates & Discussion

Lindsey Redding presented on the North Central Regional Cancer Control Collaborative's efforts addressing screening access, tobacco cessation, survivorship, and rural cancer disparities. There was discussion regarding the personnel needs for regional cancer control collaboratives to implement initiatives through additional grant funds available. There was discussion regarding the number of plans with cancer-related goals and objectives in the state. Partners will work on a landscape analysis to better understand the current state and identify opportunities to be more aligned.

Cancer Plan Implementation – Working Group Updates & Discussion

Council members discussed implementation strategies, partner alignment, performance measures, and opportunities for statewide coordination. Members emphasized collaboration, stakeholder engagement, data-informed action, and alignment among research, advocacy, and public health partners.

Comments

Dr. Kobetz invited any meeting participant to make comments.

Next CCRAB Meeting

The next CCRAB meeting will be in the Fall of 2026. Dr. Bobbie McKee will follow-up with Council members with additional information. It is anticipated that the next meeting will be held at Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center in late-September to align with the Live Like Bella Research Symposium in Miami.

Adjourn

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.