



CANCER CONTROL RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL (CCRAB)

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monday, October 28, 2013 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Moffitt Cancer Center-Stabile Research Building
Ferman Family Conference Room

CCRAB Members in Attendance

- **Thomas J. George, MD, FACP**
*(Chair),
College of Medicine, University of
Florida*
- **JoAnne Bujnoski, MD, DO,**
Florida Osteopathic Association
- **Robert H. Cassell, MD, PhD,**
Florida Society of Clinical Oncology
- **Rose Marie Cossick,**
Consumer Advocate
- **Ellen Daley, PhD, MPH,**
*College of Public Health,
University of South Florida*
- **Bonnie Donihi,**
Florida Ovarian Cancer Alliance Speaks
- **Beth Eastman, M.S.**
Agency for Health Care Administration
- **Susan Fleming, RN, BSN, MPA,**
Florida Department of Health
- **Gregory Hale, MD, (by phone)**
*All Children's Hospital, Florida Pediatric
Society*
- **Helen Lewis, BS, CTR,**
Florida Tumor Registrars Association
- **Dorothy Parker, MHS,**
*Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer
Center, University of Miami*
- **Brian M. Rivers, PhD,**
*H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center
& Research Institute*
- **Eric S. Sandler, MD,**
*Florida Association of Pediatric
Tumor Programs*
- **Hon. Senator Eleanor Sobel**
(by phone) Florida Senate
- **James G. Schwade, MD,**
Florida Medical Association

FCPC Members / Guests in Attendance

- **Daniel Armstrong, PhD**
BRAC Chair
- **Robert Hood, PhD**
Florida Department of Health
- **Felisha Dickey**
Florida Department of Health
- **Tara Hylton, MPH (by phone)**
Florida Department of Health
- **Heather Wildermuth**
American Cancer Society
- **Robert Morris**
American Cancer Society
- **Megan Wessel**
American Cancer Society
- **Delmarie Butler**
Florida Coalition of Nurse Navigators
- **Lourdes Arvelo**
SW FL. Cancer Control Collaborative
- **Lauren Pollock**
NC FL. Cancer Control Collaborative
- **Ellen Feiler**
SE FL. Cancer Control Collaborative
- **Peggie Burgess**
*E. Central FL. Cancer Control
Collaborative*
- **Vanessa Vicente**
*Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of
Southern Florida*
- **Julio Pow-Sang, MD**
Moffitt Cancer Center
- **Venessa Rivera-Colon**
*Moffitt Cancer Center, Outreach
Wellness Education & Resources*
- **Merritt Martin**
Moffitt Cancer Center
- **Sandra Stonecypher**
Moffitt Cancer Center

Introduction

Dr. Thom George called the meeting to order and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Update on Cancer Control and Clinical Care/Research Priorities in Florida

Dr. Robert Hood provided an update regarding the Cancer Centers of Excellence Award (*see attached slide presentation*). Following the presentation there were questions and discussion regarding who would be eligible for the Cancer Centers of Excellence Award from Dr. Bujanowski. Dr. Hood cited that the legislature was clear in their desire for the Centers of Excellence to have comprehensive research. Dr. Sandler confirmed that these centers should be something for all centers to aspire to. There were additional questions regarding what it means to participate in a DOH collaborative. Dr. Hood replied that this issue would be discussed tomorrow during the joint committee meeting.

Update from BRAC

Dr. Danny Armstrong provided an update regarding the Biomedical Research Advisory Council "BRAC." There were eighteen Bankhead Coley and eleven James and Esther King grants awarded last cycle. The awards were very diverse, more than ten different types of cancer and other tobacco diseases covered. Awards included funding for community education, technology, and disparity. Also, over half the grants which lost their fourth and fifth year of funding previously were restored. There are some funds left over for another application cycle later this year.

There was discussion regarding Surgeon General John Armstrong's call to develop a strategic plan for cancer research. In the past, CCRAB, BRAC, and the cancer centers have all formed ideas. Now BRAC has been charged with developing a strategic research plan and they are addressing opportunities.

Centers of Excellence Update

Dr. George thanked the CCRAB members of the Joint Committee for their active participation and valuable perspectives in development of the standards. Comments were provided. Final draft standards will be available shortly for CCRAB member review and comment. Voting for approval of the standards by the council will be forthcoming in late November/early December.

Prostate Cancer Advisory Council (PCAC)

Dr. Brian Rivers provided an update regarding the Prostate Cancer Advisory Council "PCAC." He reviewed their meeting from last weekend which included discussion regarding the strength, structure, and future of the Council. They revised their bylaws for work and development of funding for research projects and collaboration between centers.

There was also discussion regarding the need for a communication platform for clinical trials. Dr. Julio Pow-Sang discussed screening for prostate cancer and linking community practices to research centers. There was discussion and agreement about linking PCAC website on the CCRAB website. www.prostateadvisorycouncil.org

2013-2014 Legislative Prelude and Potential Cancer-related Priorities

Heather Wildermuth shared the American Cancer Society's 2014 legislative priorities:

- Mary Brogan Cancer Detection Program funding- requesting for \$2.4 million
- Biomedical Research- requesting \$25 million for the Biomedical Research Program
- Palliative Care legislation - legislation creating an advisory council to make policy recommendations
- Monitoring legislation regarding e-cigarettes which outlaw sales to minors, product placement, and creates new definition and categories.
- Support Medicaid expansion

Update from DOH on CCC/CDC Funded Cancer Control Programs

Susan Fleming and Felisha Dickey provided an update regarding CCC/CDC grant programs.

(*see attached slide presentation*)

FCDS: Ambulatory Cancer Reporting Update/Discussion

Tara Hylton provided an update regarding the Florida Cancer Data System "FCDS." She warned that a funding cut of 5% was likely coming. She believes these cuts will affect operations and they will need to prioritize data capture from private offices and the VA.

The draft of the legislative district sheet was reviewed and approved. (*see attached handout, "Cancer Profile- Senate District 1"*)

There was discussion regarding CCRAB's support of funding for the registry and agreement that it should be a higher priority when asking for state funding.

Subcommittee Working Groups - Review Identified Priorities and Action Items

Dr. George reviewed the subcommittee goals and at this time members broke into subcommittee working groups for discussion of these priorities and goals.

Reports from break out meetings were reviewed and approved (*see attached updated Goals sheet*)

Opportunity for public comments offered

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm EST. The next CCRAB General Membership Meeting is scheduled for *Monday, May 19, 2014 @* Moffitt Cancer Center

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