

Florida Cancer Plan 2030 Planning Meeting
Subgroup on Diagnosis/Treatment, QOL/Survivorship, Childhood Cancers
July 8, 2025 at 12:30 PM

Quick recap

The group conducted a comprehensive review of cancer plan goals and objectives, focusing on examining each goal's associated objectives while discussing data sources, metrics, and potential modifications. They explored various topics including oncology certification for nurses, survivorship care, and the "Passport for Care" program for tracking long-term cancer survivors, while also considering the integration of childhood cancer networks and quality metrics. The team decided to reorganize the goals and objectives into three main areas, with specific team assignments and plans to improve data tracking and accountability, while scheduling the next meeting in two weeks.

Summary

Cancer Plan Goals Review Meeting

The group discusses how to approach reviewing and updating the cancer plan goals and objectives. They decide to examine each goal along with its associated objectives, starting with Goal 15. Luis notes that the overall goal of achieving excellent clinical outcomes is still valid, but they need to review the four specific objectives under it. Leslie and Clement agree that looking at both goals and objectives together is helpful. They confirm that there is a reliable data source for Objective 15.1, but they still need to review the metrics and determine if the objectives are set at the right level.

Healthcare Objectives Review Meeting

The group discusses keeping objective 15.1 related to health insurance coverage without changing targets due to uncertainties in legislation and Medicaid changes. They decided to maintain objective 15.2 on quality of care, which uses models like QUPI ASCO and CoC accreditation. For objective 15.3, regarding increasing high-quality nurses and patient navigators, they plan to consult with the Florida Nurses Association for updated baselines and targets. The group also considers reorganizing some objectives under different categories, such as quality of life.

Crosscutting Objectives Discussion

Leslie suggested that insurance coverage could serve as a crosscutting objective, similar to the collaboration section in previous plans. She noted that some state cancer plans include a dedicated cross cutting section for objectives that span the entire cancer care continuum. The

group may consider renaming the "collaboration" section if additional crosscutting goals or objectives, such as insurance coverage, emerge during the planning process.

Oncology Certification and Survivorship Care

The group discusses the importance of oncology certification for nurses in cancer centers, as it directly translates to improved care. Bill emphasizes the value of this goal, particularly in survivorship care, where staffing shortages often occur. Daniel Armstrong raises concerns about potential impacts on workforce pipelines due to recent legislation and budget proposals. He suggests the need to identify and track late effects in cancer survivors, especially for those living beyond five years or with cancers becoming chronic illnesses. Daniel also mentions the Children's Oncology Group's "Passport for Care" website as a valuable resource for long-term survivor care.

Survivorship Tracking and Pediatric Insurance Concerns

Building on these points, Daniel Armstrong further emphasized the need for a specific goal related to identifying and tracking late effects in patients who are alive and cancer-free more than one year after completing treatment, including those with cancers that are now considered chronic illnesses. He highlighted that the Children's Oncology Group (COG) maintains a publicly available database of late effects, recommending that the group determine how many Florida patients have accessed this resource and how many programs regularly share it with patients and families.

Daniel also raised concerns regarding pediatric health insurance coverage, noting that the percentage of children with health insurance may be affected by recent Medicaid cuts and possible additional cuts to SCHIP in the upcoming budget. The group recognized the importance of monitoring these policy changes and their potential impact on access to survivorship care for childhood cancer patients.

Passport Program for Cancer Survivors

The group discusses the passport for care program and its potential as an objective in the cancer plan. Autumn explains that the program is valuable for tracking childhood cancer survivors' long-term care needs, with about 3,500 accounts created in Florida, though only half are activated. The team considers keeping the program in the plan, potentially with new strategies like promoting a mobile app version. They also discuss the need to develop a similar system for adult cancer survivors. Nicole suggests integrating these efforts with the existing Live Like Bella Comprehensive Childhood Cancer Network. The group agrees to refine the strategies associated with this objective, removing those that haven't been productive in the past five years.

Goal 19.1 Strategy and Network

The group discusses modifying strategies for goal 19.1 while keeping the goal itself. Nicole suggests adding the comprehensive childhood cancer network, either as a new goal 20 or as objective 19.2. They agree to move the existing goal 20 (Live Like Bella applications) to the research section. The group deliberates on setting benchmarks for the comprehensive network, with Nicole proposing to use current data on participating centers as a starting point. For the Live Like Bella (LLB) research goal, Daniel noted that while the number of applications has increased, the focus should be on raising the number of applications with an overall impact score better than 4. This metric will better reflect the quality and effectiveness of research proposals, aligning with the coalition's emphasis on measurable outcomes. They also consider quality metrics for goal 18, which currently measures quality by the number of children with insurance.

Enhancing Children's Health Insurance Tracking

The group discusses the challenges of tracking and measuring progress on objectives related to children's health insurance coverage and workforce development in oncology specialties. Nicole points out that current data sources may not provide specific information on cancer-related insurance coverage. Clement suggests focusing on agreeing on goals and objectives first, then addressing data and accountability issues in the strategies. The group acknowledges the importance of identifying who is responsible for monitoring and tracking progress on objectives. Representatives from the Florida Hospital Association (FHA) indicate they haven't been tracking oncology workforce data specifically but offer to help with surveys or information gathering. The group agrees on the need to be more explicit about data sources and accountability in the objectives and strategies moving forward.

Palliative Care and Survivorship Goals

The group discusses goals and objectives related to palliative care and cancer survivorship in Florida. Paul explains the need for a universal definition of palliative care in state statutes and suggests developing minimum standards for healthcare agencies providing palliative care services. Bill highlights the challenges in tracking cancer survivors and the lack of coordination between cancer centers and support services. He recommends first assessing the capabilities of cancer centers and available support services before developing a surveillance method for survivors.

Goal Prioritization and Work Organization

The group decides to keep all goals except for goal 20, which will be moved to research. They plan to continue working on the objectives and provide better descriptions. Clement suggests organizing the work into three areas: Treatment at Diagnosis, Quality of Life, and Childhood Cancer, with specific team members assigned to each. Luis requests access to previous meeting notes to avoid repetitive discussions. The next meeting is scheduled in two weeks, and Bobbie will provide more detailed instructions for the next steps, including aligning with the coalition's efforts.

Next steps

- Bobbie to send out details for the next meeting taking place in two weeks
- Nicole and Autumn to work on developing benchmarks and objectives for the comprehensive childhood cancer network goal.
- Paul Ledford to provide input on developing minimum standards for palliative care services in Florida.
- FHA (Nicole Pelligrino and Christy) to conduct ad hoc surveys of their Workforce Committee to gather information on the oncology workforce in Florida.
- Bobbie to include notes and action items from previous meetings in pre-meeting materials for future sessions.
- Bobbie to request more detailed input from workgroup members for Step 4 of the cancer plan development process.
- Bill to provide more information on survivorship care capabilities across Florida cancer centers.
- Luis, Dr. Q, and Jose Pimiento to consolidate recommendations for the Treatment and Diagnosis section.
- Bill and Paul Ledford to structure recommendations for the Quality of Life section.
- Nicole, Autumn, and Daniel to structure recommendations for the Childhood Cancer section.
- Workgroup members to review and consider revising objectives for each goal, focusing on measurability and accountability.

Relevant Links

- <https://scorecard.capc.org/> - From Leslie
- https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GErmdpdvJ_NYGHHqJ_uuWVYFLsWVCBqx/view?usp=share_link - From Nicole
- <https://www.passportforcare.org/en/> - Daniel