

FLORIDA CANCER CONTROL AND RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2014 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Moffitt Cancer Center-Stabile Research Building
Ferman Family Conference Room

Council Members in Attendance

John Armstrong, MD, FACS
Florida's Surgeon General

Lawrence Hochman, DO, FACRO
Florida Cancer Affiliates – Tampa
Florida Osteopathic Medical Association

Jessica Bahari-Kashani, MD
Florida Medical Association

Speaker Pro-Tempore Matt Hudson
House Speaker's Appointee

Robert Cassell, MD
Association of Community Cancer Centers

Erin Kobetz, PhD, MPH
Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center
University of Miami

Asher Chanan-Kahn, MD
Florida Hospital Association

Theresa Morrison, PhD, CNS-BC
Florida Nurses Association

Christopher Cogel, MD
University of Florida
Senate President's Appointee

Brian Rivers, PhD, MPH
Moffitt Cancer Center

The Honorable Marti Coley
House Speaker's Appointee

Senator Eleanor Sobel
Senate President's Appointee

Thomas George, MD FACS
University of Florida

Megan Wessel, MPH
American Cancer Society

Other Non-Council Members in Attendance

Heather Youmans
American Cancer Society

Dr. Robert Hood
Department of Health

Sandra Stonecypher
Moffitt Cancer Center

Merritt Martin
Moffitt Cancer Center

Chelsea Williams
Moffitt Cancer Center

Laura Lenhart
Moffitt Cancer Center

Sue Higgins
Department of Health (by phone)

Dr. Johannes Vieweg
University of Florida

Dr. Daniel Armstrong
Chair, Florida Biomedical Research Advisory
Council

Welcome & Introduction

Dr. Thom George began by welcoming all members and guests, and also briefly reviewing the day's agenda. Each Council member and guest took a moment to introduce themselves to the room.

Department of Health & Cancer Center of Excellence Update

Dr. Robert Hood, from the Florida Department of Health, updated the Council on the status of the Cancer Centers of Excellence application processes. The CCE process is now entering cycle two. Hospitals that are entering cycle two of the application process are Moffitt Cancer Center, the Mayo Clinic Jacksonville, University of Florida – UF Health, and University of Miami's Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center. Five additional hospitals are included in cycle two; in step one of the application process. Dr. Hood further explained that these are six month staggered cycles.

Background: HB 511

HB 511, which passed during the 2014 Legislative Session, amended the Council's intent in statute. The Honorable Marti Coley, the House bill sponsor, explained the clarification and need for the change in statute, namely the clarification on how the Council interacts with the Biomedical Research Advisory Council (BRAC), removing the unutilized funding component, modernizing reporting, and streamlining Council appointments. Sen. Eleanor Sobel, the Senate sponsor, applauded Representative Coley for her heavy lifting on getting the bill passed through the House. Merritt Martin explained the statute revision in further detail. *See attached document to review a side-by-side comparison of the old and new Council statute.*

2014 & 2015 Legislative Cancer Specific Summary & Perspectives

In addition to explaining the change in CCRAB's statute enacted by the passage of HB 511, Heather Youmans, Florida Government Relations Director – American Cancer Society, reviewed victories for cancer research and funding during the 2014 Legislative Session. Highlighted victories included: historically high funding for the Mary Brogan Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program, the creation of the Florida Consortium of NCI Designated Cancer Centers, and increased funding achieved for both the King and Bankhead-Coley Biomedical Research funds. Ms. Youmans emphasized the need for advocacy to maintain these triumphs in the 2015 legislative session, and also spoke directly to ACS's efforts to expand access and policy for palliative care in Florida.

BRAC: Update & Research Plan

Dr. Daniel Armstrong, chair of the Florida Biomedical Research Advisory Council, provided an update of BRAC's strategic plan, goals, and tactics. *See attached Biomedical Research Advisory Council: Strategic Research Goals and Tactics 2014.* This review led the Council in a discussion of how the two groups can work collaboratively moving forward on the development of CCRAB's research plan and in achieving BRAC's outlined goals. Considering ways in which the two Councils can work in concert, developed into a robust conversation on ensuring that the existing data sources are accurate, namely ways to improve Florida Cancer Data System (FCDS).

Review & Approval of Bylaws

Dr. Thom George led the group in reviewing the updated bylaws for the Council. There were no questions or revisions to the bylaws. Dr. George requested a motion to approve the bylaws;

Representative Matt Hudson seconded the motion, as well as Dr. Lawrence Hochman and Dr. Asher Chanan-Kahn.

Election of Council Chair and Vice Chair

Per the statute revision and realignment of the Council, in order to be in compliance, the Council needed to elect a Chair and Vice Chair. Dr. Robert Cassel nominated Dr. Thom George to be named as Chair. Merritt Martin led the motion to elect Dr. George as Chair. Dr. Brian Rivers seconded the motion; the Council unanimously agreed. Dr. George then nominated Dr. Brian Rivers to be elected as Vice Chair, Representative Marti Coley and Megan Wessel seconded the motion and the Council unanimously agreed.

Approval of Minutes from May 19, 2014

Dr. George led the motion to review and approve the meeting minutes from the May 19, 2014 meeting. After hearing no motions to amend the minutes, Rep. Hudson and Dr. Rivers motioned to approve the minutes. The Council concurred.

Networking Lunch/State Cancer Resources & Opportunities

Dr. Thom George led a “Lunch & Learn” Presentation on State Cancer Resources & Opportunities (*see attached PowerPoint*).

Vision for Cancer Control & Prevention in Florida

Florida’s Surgeon General, Dr. John Armstrong provided the Council with insight on his and the Governor’s vision for cancer control and prevention in Florida. Dr. Armstrong remarked that the ultimate position of the Council is to be bold in thinking about what membership is looking to achieve from the meeting, where the Council would like to be in the future, and how the Council would like to achieve proposed goals. Moreover, he declared that in comprising the research plan that the Council is now tasked with, there should be a true system of performance metrics, ways to measure outcomes and continue the energy of fusion between CCRAB and BRAC. Finally, Dr. Armstrong observed that the Council is posed to facilitate public-private-partnerships to come together to provide premier care for patients, and to bolster Florida as a world class designation for cancer patients and their families.

Discussion: How does the Council Proceed with Development of the Treatment Care Plan?

Dr. Thom George led discussion with the Council how to proceed with the development of the treatment/research plan that the Council is charged with creating.

Dr. George proposed a set of requirements:

- Evidence based
- Improve outcomes
- Should comply (minimum) with national guidelines
- Cost effective
- Reduce the burden of cancer in Florida

...and then the following considerations:

- Do not reinvent the wheel
- Collaborate
- Use state expertise

- Propose metrics that can be measured and matter
- Measurable outcomes

Dr. George recommended that the treatment/research plan be at the 10000 foot level – aspirational and not particularly granular, with proposals of what the Council thinks should happen, here are guidelines to achieve these items, and where we need to move the needle in Florida. The intent for the Council to create a cohesive document, with focused intentions, which are evaluated annually.

The Council decided that the best way to proceed with the creation of the document was to first, have a hard deadline of February 15, 2015, and develop a draft over a series of conference calls to development policy and white papers.

Recap & Adjourn

Dr. Thom George thanked everyone for their time and participation. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.