

Florida Cancer Plan 2030 Planning Meeting
Subgroup on Prevention/Risk Reduction
July 1, 2025 at 3:00 PM

Quick recap

The meeting began with introductions of new attendees and their research focuses, including HPV-related cancer prevention, state cancer plans, and hereditary cancer programs. The group discussed remaining goals in the cancer control plan, focusing on radon, skin cancer, alcohol use, and obesity, while addressing challenges in measuring progress for genomic cancer risk assessment and skin cancer prevention. The team explored data sources and metrics for various health objectives, including youth obesity and alcohol use, and discussed the status of HPV vaccination and cervical cancer screening data sources before concluding with next steps for step 3 of the plan.

Summary

HPV Cancer Prevention Team Meeting

The meeting begins with introductions of new attendees. Shannon Christy, an associate member at Moffitt Cancer Center, introduces herself and her research focus on HPV-related cancer prevention. Ethan, a media trainee working under Dr. Christie and Dr. Gwede, is introduced and is working on a project analyzing state cancer plans for HPV vaccination and cervical cancer screening. Lisa Brown, manager of the UF Health Cancer Center Hereditary Cancer Program, and Danny Armstrong, a pediatric psychologist from the University of Miami, also introduce themselves. The group prepares to begin the main discussion, with Bobbie offering to pull up relevant documents for review.

Cancer Control Plan Goals Discussion

The group discusses the remaining goals to cover in the cancer control plan, focusing on skin cancer, alcohol use, and obesity. They decide to start with goal 6, which involves radon, as Lisa, an expert in the area, is present. Bobbie suggests completing steps 2 and 3 simultaneously for this goal, while Clement expresses concern about whether participants have prepared for step 3. The group agrees to proceed, with Bobbie sharing relevant data and Leslie offering to provide workbook questions for the discussion.

Genomic Cancer Risk Assessment Challenges

The group discusses the challenges of assessing progress on genomic cancer risk assessment goals, particularly due to a lack of specific metrics and data sources. Lisa suggests using data from the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC) or conducting surveys of

institutions with genetic counseling programs. The group also considers separating objectives for genetic counseling and testing, as they are distinct processes. Monique from the Florida Cancer Data System (FCDS) explains that while there is a work plan and budget for collecting genetic information in the state cancer registry, it lacks funding and requires legislative changes to allow collection of both positive and negative genetic test results. The discussion concludes with Leslie sharing a resource on how other states have incorporated genetics and genomics into their cancer plans.

Alternative Data for Skin Cancer Prevention

The group discusses the challenges in measuring progress on skin cancer prevention goals due to the discontinuation of the YRBS survey. Laura explains that while YRBS is no longer available, the Florida Youth Tobacco Survey (FYTS) can be used as an alternative data source for youth obesity rates because data such as weight and age is collected. The team reviews projections using FYTS data and finds the rates are comparable to YRBS, allowing for continuity in tracking progress. They consider aligning their objectives with the State Health Improvement Plan and potentially revising goals to focus on improving measurement capabilities.

Youth Health Data Metrics Discussion

The group discusses data sources and metrics for various health objectives, particularly focusing on youth obesity and alcohol use. Laura explains that some objectives can be gathered through the Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey. Clement suggests comparing obesity measures with the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP), and Tracy Crane volunteers to help with this comparison. Laura notes that the SHIP's prevention objectives are adult-focused, with no youth-related obesity or physical activity measures. The group also discusses alcohol-related objectives and the need for expert input on skin cancer prevention, with Peter Kanetsky suggested as a potential resource.

HPV Vaccination Data Challenges

The group discusses the status of HPV vaccination and cervical cancer screening data sources. Shannon reports that the National Immunization Survey for teens may be discontinued, and the group explores alternative data sources such as Florida SHOTS. Leah mentions that some health plans are linking to state health departments for immunization guidance. The team acknowledges the importance of maintaining separate goals for HPV vaccination and cervical cancer screening. They also discuss the need for a surveillance method to track follow-up rates for abnormal cervical cancer screening results, though no comprehensive data source has been identified yet.

Step 3 Feasibility Review Meeting

The group concludes their meeting by discussing the next steps for step 3. Ramzi instructs Bobbie to follow up with experts on reviewing the feasibility of objectives based on data sources. Clement emphasizes that participants should bring proposed changes and justifications for goals

in their areas of expertise before the next meeting. The group agrees to reconvene in two weeks at the same time, and Bobbie will send out the meeting invite and instructions for step 3 to all participants.

Next steps

- Lisa to investigate potential data sources for genomic cancer risk assessment objectives.
- Leah to reach out to ACS CAN for information on insurance coverage evaluations for genetic testing and counseling.
- Tracy Crane to help with comparing and guiding obesity-related objectives.
- Catalina Lopez to assist with alcohol-related objectives.
- Clement and team are to reach out to Peter Konetsky for expertise on skin cancer prevention, particularly for youth.
- Leah to follow up with the Department of Health regarding Florida SHOTS as a potential data source for HPV vaccination rates.
- Bobbie to send communication to the entire group with instructions for Step 3 of the process.
- Bobbie is to send out a calendar invite for the next meeting in two weeks, same day and time.
- All participants with expertise in specific goal areas to prepare proposed changes and justifications for goals/objectives before the next meeting.

Relevant Links

- <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC3528305/> - Evaluation of State Comprehensive Cancer Control Plans for Genomics Content (2012, but might still be helpful to find other plans that still might include objectives related to genetics) - From Leslie
- <https://www.cancer.org/content/dam/cancer-org/research/cancer-facts-and-statistics/cancer-prevention-and-early-detection-facts-and-figures/2025-cped-files/cped-cff-2025-2026.pdf> - From Leah