

Florida Cancer Control &
Research Advisory Council (CCRAB)
2013 Annual Report



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**MESSAGE FROM THE
CANCER CONTROL AND RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL CHAIR**

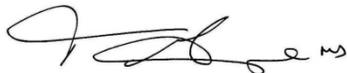
The Florida Cancer Control and Research Advisory Council, also known as CCRAB, is the state council responsible for advising the Legislature, Governor and Surgeon General on how to reduce the cancer burden in Florida. We monitor cancer trends and disparities, evaluate and promote effective interventions to help in cancer prevention, screening and treatment. We also develop position papers on cancer-related legislation and state policy issues.

CCRAB was established in state statute in 1979, and is governed by Florida Statute 1004.435. The Council is housed at, and administratively supported by the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute, but operates as an independent group. Individual members are leaders in health care, education, cancer research and treatment, and Florida government, many of whom are cancer survivors. Membership also represents the totality of cancer stakeholder organizations statewide. The Council meets at least twice a year, has membership that is appointed by the Governor, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House (for the legislative members) and is overseen by a Chair and an Executive Committee.

We greatly appreciate Moffitt Cancer Center's continuing support for the Council's operations and for allowing the Council to function as an independent advisory board. Additionally, we would like to acknowledge the assistance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, through the Department of Health for funds and facilitation.

Updated information can be obtained online at our website www.ccrab.org. For additional copies of this report, or any additional information about CCRAB and its activities, please contact the Council office.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas J. George, Jr., MD, FACP
Chair

II. Membership

Chairman

Thomas J. George, Jr., MD, FACP

Organization Represented

University of Florida College of Medicine

Executive Committee

Eric S. Sandler, MD

Brian M. Rivers, PhD

Susan Fleming, BSN, MPA

Lance F. Grenevicki, DDS, MD, FACS

Gerald J. Robbins, MD

Dorothy F. Parker, MHS

Representative Marti Coley

Senator Eleanor Sobel

Association of Pediatric Tumor Programs

Moffitt Cancer Center

Florida Department of Health

Florida Dental Association

American Cancer Society

University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center

Florida House of Representatives

Florida Senate

General Members

Robert Cassell, MD, PhD

Zenesha Barkley, MSN, RN, CNE

Joanne L. Bujnoski, DO

Rose Marie Cossick

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Rosemary Irene Sullivan, LCSW

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Cynthia M. Harris, PhD

Benjamin Djulbegovic, MD, PhD

Elizabeth A. Shenkman, PhD

James G. Schwade, MD

Bonnie Donihi (*pending*)

Robert W. Holloway, MD (*pending*)

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Florida Society of Clinical Oncology

Florida Nurses Association

Florida Osteopathic Association

General Public/Consumer Advocate

Agency for Health Care Administration

Florida Society of Oncology Social Workers

Florida Cancer Registrars Association

Nova Southeastern College of Osteopathic Medicine

College of Public Health, University of South Florida

University of Miami Miller School of Medicine

Florida Pediatric Society

Florida Department of Corrections

Representative of the General Public Acting Consumer Advocate

Association of Community Cancer Centers

FAMU Institute of Public Health

College of Medicine, University of South Florida

University of Florida Shands Cancer Center

Florida Medical Association

Florida Ovarian Cancer Alliance Speaks

Florida Obstetric and Gynecological Association

Florida Department of Education

Florida Hospital Association

American College of Surgeons

III. Executive Summary

The Florida Cancer Control and Research Advisory Council (CCRAB) is the state Council responsible for advising the Legislature, Governor, and Surgeon General on cancer control issues. Those issues include, but are not limited to: preparing position statements on cancer-related policy, aiding in the development of grants and projects to reduce the cancer burden in Florida, and approving the Florida Cancer Plan. The Council is statutorily mandated to provide the Governor, Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, and Florida Senate President an annual report. The following report will outline the happenings of the Council over the past year, including brief updates on legislation and budget allocations that were of importance to the Council, highlights from the activities of the Council's four Goal Committees, an outline for the Council progressing forward in 2014, and a concise administrative update.



Summary of 2013 Accomplishments

- Advised individual legislators, House and Senate healthcare committee members and staff, and the Surgeon General with regard to Florida's cancer burden and opportunities for improvements in prevention, screening, research, and survivorship within the State.
- Updated the State of Florida's Cancer Plan annual Priorities and Strategies one pager. This document serves as an action plan for the Council's four goal committees.
- Supported the continuation of the Bankhead-Coley Research Initiative, which provides peer-reviewed research dollars to Florida cancer researchers, thus supporting and promoting cancer research advancements by state institutions and investigators for the benefit of all citizens.
- Continued ongoing communication with members of the Florida House and Senate in an effort to increase Council advisory role, while increasing the legislators' exposure to and knowledge of, cancer control issues in Florida.
- Supported legislation to expand the Florida Clean Indoor Air Act.
- Supported legislation to ensure patients needing/wanting oral chemotherapy had adequate insurance coverage.
- Supported legislation that increases awareness and education regarding ovarian cancer in Florida.
- Developed an active participation network between CCRAB members and Florida Cancer Plan Council (FCPC) members to implement the prioritized goals and strategies laid out in the 2010 Florida Cancer Plan by forming four Goal Committees within CCRAB.
- Increased communication efforts with Florida's Biomedical Advisory Council (BRAC) and Prostate Advisory Council (PCAC) in order to build upon shared interest.
- Seven (7) CCRAB members partnered with six (6) BRAC members to convene and serve as the Cancer Centers of Excellence Standards Development Committee. CCRAB membership approved the standards which were enacted in January 2014.
- Convened General Council and Executive Committee Members on May 13, 2013 and October 28, 2013.
- CCRAB provided letters of support in favor of several projects and statewide efforts in reducing the burden of cancer and in alignment with the State Cancer Plan Priorities including education regarding the Human Papilloma Virus and improved physician reporting.

V. Legislative Update

CCRAB supported the following legislative initiatives during the 2013 Legislative Session. A check indicates the Council's approval of the itemized policy outcome, and an "X" indicates the Council's dissatisfaction with the action, or lack of action, taken on the bill:

Bill/Sponsor	Bill Summary	Outcome
<p>HQS1/SB 1660 Relating to Quality Cancer Care and Research</p>	<p>Establishing a Cancer Center of Excellence Award for providers that excel in providing cancer care and treatment in this state; requiring the Florida Cancer Control and Research Advisory Council and the Biomedical Research Advisory Council to jointly develop and periodically update performance measures, a rating system, and a rating standard in accordance with specified criteria for applicants to qualify for the award; providing that an award-winning cancer provider is granted preference in competitive cancer care solicitations for a specified period of time; revising the responsibilities of the councils with regard to the Cancer Center of Excellence Award program.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>Passed House and Senate, signed by Governor</p>
<p>HB 141/SB 258 Relating to Florida Clean Indoor Act</p>	<p>The bill proposed that municipalities and counties could authorize restriction of smoking on certain properties.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">X</p> <p>Died in Committees</p>
<p>HB 241/SB 894 Relating to Community Health Workers</p>	<p>The bill proposed specific duties and activities of community health workers; created a community health worker task force within a state college or university; required the Florida Department of Health to provide administrative support; outlined membership and duties of the task force.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">X</p> <p>Passed the House Died in Senate Committees</p>
<p>HB 301/SB 422 Relating to Cancer Chemotherapy Treatment Parity</p>	<p>The bill proposed that individual or group insurance policies and health maintenance contracts are required to provide coverage for cancer chemotherapy treatment to provide at least equally favorable coverage for prescribed, orally administered anti-cancer medications. The bill also specified that compliance with requirement may not be achieved by increasing policy or contract copayments, deductibles, or coinsurance amounts applicable to intravenously administered or injected anti-cancer medications.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>Passed House and Senate, signed by Governor</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">SB 1674 Relating to Tanning Bed Facilities</p>	<p>The bill would have required that operator or proprietor of tanning facilities witness signing of written consent by parent or legal guardian of minor before the minor is allowed to use the tanning facility.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">X</p> <p>No House Bill Filed</p> <p>Senate Bill Never Heard in Committee</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">HB 473/SB 620 Relating to Surcharge on Cigarettes</p>	<p>The bill would have increased surcharge rates applicable to packs of cigarettes containing various quantities of cigarettes of specified weights and lengths, and also would have required for certain amounts of the surcharge to be allocated into specified trust funds.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">X</p> <p>Never Heard in House or Senate Committees</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SB 146 Relating to Human Papillomavirus</p>	<p>The bill would have required DOH to add HPV to the list of communicable diseases for which immunizations are recommended; additionally requiring that schools provide parents or guardians of junior high age public school students information regarding availability of HPV vaccine.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">X</p> <p>No House Bill Filed</p> <p>Senate Bill Never Heard in Committee</p>

Funding Allocations for Cancer Control and Biomedical Efforts

The Florida Legislature allocated the following designations to cancer control and biomedical research efforts during the 2013 Legislative Session for FY13-14:

Mary Brogan Breast & Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program	\$ 1,536,473
Nicotine Addiction Drug Treatment Evaluation Grant Program	\$ 100,000
Biomedical Research:	
James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program	\$ 10,000,000
William G. "Bill" Bankhead, Jr., and David Coley Cancer Research Program	\$ 10,000,000
Statewide Brain Tumor Registry Program - McKnight Brain Institute	\$ 500,000
H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute	\$ 7,050,000
Shands Cancer Hospital at UF	\$ 7,050,000
Sylvester Cancer Center at UM	\$ 7,050,000
Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute	\$ 5,600,000
Torrey Pines Institute for Molecular Studies	\$ 3,000,000
Endowed Cancer Research Chair:	
H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute	\$ 3,333,333
Shands Cancer Hospital at UF	\$ 3,333,333
Sylvester Cancer Center at UM	\$ 3,333,334
Comprehensive Statewide Tobacco Prevention and Education	\$ 65,640,769
Minority Health Initiatives	\$ 3,134,044
La Liga - League Against Cancer	\$ 210,000
H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute - Education	\$ 10,576,930
TOTAL CANCER-RELATED ISSUES	\$ 141,448,216

VI. Goal Committees Update

2014 Florida Cancer Plan Priority Strategies

Florida Council Regional Cancer Control Collaboratives

Goal 1: A coordinated approach among public and private cancer control stakeholders to implement cancer activities statewide

Strategy 1.1: Continue development of an integrated statewide cancer council network to ensure alignment in state cancer priorities to include the Cancer Control and Research Advisory Council (CCRAB), Biomedical Research Advisory Council (BRAC), Prostate Cancer Advisory Council (PCAC) and the regional cancer collaboratives

Strategy 1.2: Support the Florida Cancer Data System to capture diagnosis and treatment information from hospitalized and non-hospitalized cancer patients to ensure evidence based cancer resource prioritization and policy development

Strategy 1.3: Educate and inform elected and appointed officials and the public on effective strategies to reduce the burden of cancer

Strategy 2.1: Strengthen links with partner organizations to promote healthy weight

Strategy 2.2: Emphasize the danger of ultraviolet (UV) ray exposure in Florida especially in youth

Strategy 2.3: Promote the Human Papillomavirus vaccine for Florida's youth

Strategy 2.4: Strengthen links with partner organizations to reduce the burden of tobacco and e-cigarette use

Strategy 3.1: Improve access to care for underserved populations through the utilization of Community Health Workers and Cancer Navigators

Strategy 3.2: Promote measures to increase cancer screening and early detection

Goal 2: Floridians practice the healthy behaviors associated with prevention of cancer or to reduce risk

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Goal 3: Floridians have access to appropriate health information and effective health services for the timely detection, diagnosis, and treatment of cancer

Strategy 3.1: Improve access to care for underserved populations through the utilization of Community Health Workers and Cancer Navigators

Strategy 3.2: Promote measures to increase cancer screening and early detection

Goal 4: Floridians affected by cancer are aware of and have access to quality, appropriate services for quality of life, palliative care, and survivorship

Strategy 4.1: Improve education and raise awareness of resources for cancer survivors

Strategy 4.2: Promote the provision of treatment summaries and follow-up care plans

VII. Administrative Update

CCRAB Statute:

No changes were made to the Council statute (Section 1004.435).

Membership:

Officers:

- Thomas J. George, Jr., MD, of the University of Florida College of Medicine, CCRAB Chair
- Merritt Martin, CCRAB Coordinator and Administration

Executive Committee Members:

- Thomas J. George, Jr., MD, Chair
- Honorable Marti Coley
- Honorable Eleanor Sobel
- Gerald Robbins, MD
- Eric S. Sandler, MD
- Lance Grenevicki, MD, DDS, FACS
- Brian Rivers, PhD
- Susan Fleming, RN, BSN, MPA
- Dorothy Parker, MHS

Goal Committee Leads:

- Goal I: Thomas J. George, Jr., MD, Chair
- Goal II: Susan Fleming, RN, BSN, MPA
- Goal III: Brian Rivers, PhD
- Goal IV: Eric Sandler, MD

Meetings:

The entire CCRAB membership met on May 13, 2013, and October 28, 2013. Goals I, II, and IV Committees meet regularly throughout the year.

VIII. Conclusion

The Florida Cancer Control and Research Advisory Council (CCRAB) is poised to lead Florida in the continual fight against cancer. Our staff and members are committed to a cancer-free state. With leadership from the Legislature, Governor Rick Scott, and the Florida Department of Health, CCRAB will work to achieve our strategic goals as part of the Florida System of Cancer Care and Research.

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