

# CCRAB Newsletter

SUMMER 2020

## 1. Cancer in the Time of Coronavirus

On April 3, 2020, CCRAB, North Central Florida Cancer Control Collaborative, and UF Health Cancer Center hosted Cancer in the Time of Coronavirus webinar to provide information for cancer patients, survivors, caregivers and providers on how to best navigate cancer treatment and survivorship during the coronavirus pandemic. Go to [www.ccrab.org/covid-19](http://www.ccrab.org/covid-19) to access the webinar recording and other resources from trusted sources, such as Florida Department of Health, Tobacco Free Florida, and the American Cancer Society.

## 2. CCRAB Presents at Florida Leadership Summit to Eliminate HPV-Related Cancers

On March 4, 2020, Dr. Clement Gwede represented CCRAB at the Florida Leadership Summit to Eliminate HPV-Related Cancers. He delivered a presentation on the [2020-2025 Florida Cancer Plan](#) Goal #4: Eliminate cervical cancer as a public health problem in Florida by increasing vaccination against HPV and increasing cervical cancer screening.

## 3. CCRAB Presents at Florida Biomedical Research Advisory Council Meeting

On March 6, 2020, Dr. Chris Cogle represented CCRAB at the Biomedical Research Advisory Council (BRAC) meeting. He delivered a presentation on the 2020-2025 Florida Cancer Plan Goal #21: Achieve a national reputation in Florida for innovation and impactful cancer research.

## 4. Florida Biomedical Research Program Grants for Cancer and Tobacco-Related Diseases

In FY19-20, the Florida Department of Health awarded a total of 35 projects through the Bankhead-Coley Cancer Research Program (15), the James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program (11), and the Live Like Bella Pediatric Cancer Research Initiative (9). This continued support is necessary to achieve our Florida Cancer Plan goals. FY 20-21 Funding Opportunities for these research programs will be open for applications on July 1, 2020. The 2020-2025 Florida Cancer Plan includes objectives to reduce the number of highly meritorious applications that were unfunded due to lack of funds.

## 5. Florida Department of Health Colorectal Cancer Control Program (CRCCP) CDC Award

The Florida Department of Health CRCCP was awarded the Public Health and Health Systems Partnerships to Increase Colorectal Cancer Screening in Clinical Settings grant by the CDC. The award will support continued efforts of the CRCCP to partner with health systems to increase colorectal cancer screening rates among patients 50-75 through evidence-based policy and systems interventions. These efforts will help achieve the [2020-2025 Florida Cancer Plan](#) Goal 12: Reduce colorectal cancer mortality through early detection of colorectal cancer in Floridians.

## 6. CCRAB Member & Staff Spotlight: Dr. Ramzi Salloum

We are pleased to welcome to Dr. Ramzi Salloum as the University of Florida Health Cancer Center representative on CCRAB. He is an economist and health services researcher whose work has consistently focused on decision making across the cancer prevention and control continuum, including prevention, screening, and treatment. His research considers the influence of guidelines and incentives on the demand for and provision of health and healthcare across the cancer control continuum.

## 7. Next CCRAB Meeting: Friday, October 23, 2020

The next CCRAB meeting will be held on Friday, October 23, 2020. If in-person meetings are safe then we will meet from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Moffitt McKinley Outpatient Center. If unsafe to meet in person, then we will meet via videoconference from 10 AM to 12 PM. Videoconferencing will be made available in either meeting situation. Additional details and an agenda will be made available prior to the meeting.



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