

FLORIDA CANCER CONTROL AND RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Friday, December 6, 2024, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Council Members in Attendance

- Senator Colleen Burton - Senate President's Appointee
- Representative Linda Chaney - House Speaker's Appointee
- Autumn Citta, ARNP - Governor's Appointee
- Christopher Cogle, MD - Senate President's Appointee
- Clement Gwede, PhD, MPH, RN - Moffitt Cancer Center (Chair)
- Paul Hull, PhD - American Cancer Society
- Erin Kobetz, PhD - Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center University of Miami (Vice Chair)
- Joseph Ladapo, MD, PhD - Florida's Surgeon General, Florida Department of Health
- Jessica MacIntyre, DNP, MBA, APRN, AOCNP - Florida Nurses Association
- Merritt Martin - House Speaker's Appointee
- Alfredo Quinones-Hinojosa, MD - Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville
- Luis Raez, MD - Florida Hospital Association
- Ramzi Salloum, PhD - University of Florida Health Cancer Center

Council Members Not in Attendance

- Mike Diaz, MD - Association of Community Cancer Centers
- Mitchell Peabody, DO - Florida Osteopathic Medical Association
- Nitesh Paryani, MD - Florida Medical Association

Others

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| • Tiffany Albury | • Angela Hahn | • Bobbie McKee |
| • Leanne Alexander | • Susan Harbin | • Leah Mitchem |
| • Kimberlee Baugh | • Tonia Harris | • Victoria Mohebpour |
| • Jessica Beckstrand | • Tre Hellwig | • Julie Newberry |
| • Tarik Benidir | • Taylor Humphries | • Vickie Perez-Marrero |
| • Brigid Brickman | • Sara Jones | • Karen |
| • Rob Brooks | • Melissa Jordan | • Schneggenburger |
| • Jacob Brown | • Caitlin Kennedy | • Pamela Sirota |
| • Paula Burns | • Jennifer Kue | • Kimberly Smith |
| • Tracey Carroll | • Heather Lake-Burger | • Tristan Sommer |
| • Laura Corbin | • Meigs Lamb | • Lynn Vinson |
| • Mackenson | • Valerie Lee | • Lauryn Watson |
| • Desamours | • Peyton Lurk | • Nicolas Wentzensen |
| • Felisha Dickey | • Ashley Lyerly | • Jamie Wilson |
| • Jeff Feller | • Samantha | • Jennifer Woodard |
| • William Fredericks | • Marticorena | • Kathy Woodward |
| • Tracey Gregory | • Justice Mbizo | |

Welcome

Dr. Clement Gwede began by welcoming members and guests, taking a moment to reaffirm the Council's mission to advise the state on ways to reduce cancer burden, and reviewing the day's agenda. Council members introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Gwede presented the minutes from April 26, 2024. Dr. Ramzi Salloum made a motion to accept the minutes. Dr. Joseph Ladapo seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The Council concurred with no objections.

Cancer Plan Revision for 2024

Council members discussed the proposed update to the Florida Cancer Plan regarding new USPSTF recommendations for breast cancer screening. This type of change meets the criteria for consideration by Council to update the 2020-2025 Cancer Plan in accordance with the Council-approved plan for revisions. There was discussion regarding younger women being diagnosed with breast cancer and potential harms of screening earlier. The Council approved the revision.

Highlights of Florida's Cancer Burden

Dr. Gwede discussed Florida's cancer burden and focus areas of the 2020-2025 Florida Cancer Plan, including differences in diagnoses of late-stage cancers and early detection for cancer, data regarding early detection for lung cancer screening, and efforts to ensure collection of comprehensive and high-quality cancer-related data. He reviewed the long-term vision of reducing cancer burden for all populations in Florida. There was discussion regarding challenges in both rural and urban areas. The Council will continue to work collaboratively highlight opportunities and identify gaps.

Biomedical Research Advisory Council (BRAC) Update

Melissa Jordan, Florida Department of Health, gave an update on the state's cancer research programs. She discussed status of the James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program (JEK), Bankhead Coley Cancer Research Program (BC), Live Like Bella Pediatric Cancer Research Initiative (LLB), Rare Pediatric Disease Research Initiative, and the Casey DeSantis Cancer Innovation Fund. Ms. Jordan also shared results from the BRAC's Long-Term Impact Survey and provided an update on the Florida Cancer Centers of Excellence Program.

Cancer Centers of Excellence Revisions

Dr. Clement Gwede reviewed the recommendations approved by the Joint Committee for Cancer Centers of Excellence to the designation and redesignation manuals, which include additional guidance for quality criteria, application checklists and more simplified presentation of publications to assist with review process.

State Legislative Update & Discussion

Senator Burton shared that she will be the Health Policy Chair again in the 2025 session and encouraged all stakeholders to remain in touch with legislators to keep them informed of policy and resource needs. Susan Harbin, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN), reviewed legislative issues related to prevention and early detection, access to care, and cancer research. There was discussion regarding access to care in rural areas and lung cancer screening. Dr. Luis Ruez suggested an educational presentation to Council regarding incidental pulmonary nodules/lung cancer screening at a future meeting. Representative Chaney highlighted the importance of insurance coverage for breast cancer screening follow-up procedures up until the time of cancer diagnosis. This type of coverage is included

for those who qualify for screening under the Mary Brogan Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program.

Department of Health Updates

The Florida Department of Health announced staffing updates for cancer programs and introduced new team members. New funding for the Mary Brogan Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program will provide for additional screenings and a new lead site in Palm Beach has been established. The Department will also be scaling up the colorectal cancer screening program with new sites. Applications for the first cycle of the Casey DeSantis Cancer Innovation Grants are due in January. This grant mechanism will include more than one cycle per year to allow for increased opportunities across the state.

Presentation: Updates on Cervical Cancer Screening and Management

Dr. Nicolas Wentzensen presented on the role of HPV self-sampling and triage markers for cervical cancer screening and management. USPSTF guidance is expected in the coming weeks. Council will continue to monitor.

State Cancer Plan Implementation – Regional Cancer Control Collaborative Updates

Dr. Erin Kobetz recapped the purpose of the community implementation grant initiative, a joint effort by the offices of community outreach and engagement at Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, Moffitt Cancer Center, UF Health Cancer Center and Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, which provides up to \$16,500 to work on projects that reflect local need and evidence-based work. Felisha Dickey introduced the Regional Cancer Control Collaborative Coordinators to provide updates on the projects they are working on through this funding mechanism as well as funding through the DOH and Tobacco Free Florida. Coordinators from each of the six regions presented on the work their Collaboratives are doing.

Florida Cancer Plan 2030 Planning and Discussion

Drs. Gwede and Kobetz discussed planning for the 2026-2030 Florida Cancer Plan. A draft timeline was shared. CCRAB is working with the Department to engage consultant assistance and the NCI Centers' offices of community outreach and engagement. Stakeholder input from across the state was a critical part of the process for developing the current Plan, and the Council will work to ensure this type of engagement as work commences on the updated Cancer Plan.

CCRAB Leadership

Dr. Gwede stated that he was willing to extend his term as chair for an additional year to help with continuity through the Cancer Plan update process. Council concurred with no objections.

Comments

Dr. Gwede invited any meeting attendees to make comments.

Next CCRAB Meeting

Dr. Gwede stated that the next CCRAB meeting will be in the Spring of 2025. Dr. Bobbie McKee will follow-up with Council members with additional information.

Adjourn

Dr. Gwede thanked everyone for participating. The meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM on December 6, 2024.