

**FLORIDA CANCER CONTROL AND RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Monday, May 19, 2014

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Moffitt Cancer Center-Stabile Research Building
Ferman Family Conference Room

Council Members in Attendance

- **Thomas J. George, MD, FACP** (Chair),
*College of Medicine, University of
Florida*
- **JoAnne Bujnoski, MD, DO,**
Florida Osteopathic Association
- **Susan Fleming, RN, BSN, MPA,**
Florida Department of Health
- **Helen Lewis, BS, CTR,**
Florida Tumor Registrars Association
- **Dorothy Parker, MHS,**
*Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center,
University of Miami*
- **Eric S. Sandler, MD,**
*Florida Association of Pediatric
Tumor Programs*
- **Hon. Representative Marti Coley**
Florida House of Representatives
- **James G. Schwade, MD,**
Florida Medical Association

FCPC Members / Guests in Attendance

- **John Armstrong, MD**
Florida's Surgeon General
- **Daniel Armstrong, PhD**
BRAC Chair
- **Robert Hood, PhD**
Florida Department of Health
- **Felisha Dickey**
Florida Department of Health
- **Tara Hylton, MPH** (*by phone*)
Florida Department of Health
- **Sue Higgins, MPH** (*by phone*)
Florida Department of Health
- **Heather Youmans**
American Cancer Society
- **Megan Wessel**
American Cancer Society
- **Laura Lenhart**
Moffitt Cancer Center
- **John Demuro**
Moffitt Cancer Center
- **Jamie Wilson**
Moffitt Cancer Center

Introduction

Dr. Thom George called the meeting to order and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

CCRAB Statute & Membership Update

Dr. George explained the statute revision to the Council. Per HB 511, the Florida Cancer Control and Research Advisory Council's membership is now realigned. Membership is comprised of the following organizations:

1. The Surgeon General or his/her designee
2. American Cancer Society
3. Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center of the University of Miami
4. University of Florida Shands Cancer Center
5. Florida Nurses Association
6. Florida Osteopathic Medical Association
7. Florida Medical Association
8. H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center
9. Florida Hospital Association
10. Association of Community Cancer Centers
11. Governor's Appointment: pediatric oncology research or clinical care
12. Senate President's Appointment: oncology clinical care or research
13. Senate President's Appointment – one Senator
14. Speaker's Appointment: a current or former cancer patient or current or former caregiver
15. Speaker's Appointment – one Representative

Per statute the Executive Director, CEO or comparable figurehead of each organization listed below has the option to serve on the Council, or designate an appointee to serve. The Governor's appointments office is removed from this process with the exception of one seat that the Governor appoints. This realignment emphasizes many opportunities for further statewide collaboration with the Biomedical Research Advisory Council (BRAC), the state legislature, and the Governor's office. This coordination will benefit the state through improved policy recommendations, with the ultimate goal of improving health outcomes for cancer patients in Florida and also expanding research.

ACS Update – Cancer Related Priorities

Heather Youmans, Director of Government Relations for the American Cancer Society's Cancer Action Network presented on the actions taken by the state legislature on various cancer policy, appropriations and the Governor's Cancer Centers of Excellence bill. *See itemized*

appropriations below, power point attachment, and the Florida Senate’s legislative summary of HB 5203 – Cancer Centers.

APPROPRIATIONS	
<p>The \$77.1 billion budget for FY 2014-15 adopted in advance of the Legislature’s adjournment included \$183 million for the fight against cancer. That amount constitutes a \$37 million increase in funding over Fiscal Year 2013-14. In total, cancer-related allocations include:</p>	
Mary Brogan Breast & Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program	\$1,800,000
Biomedical Research	
James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program	\$10,000,000
William G. "Bill" Bankhead, Jr., and David Coley Cancer Research Program	\$11,726,038*
Statewide Brain Tumor Registry Program - McKnight Brain Institute	\$500,000
Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute	\$5,600,000
Torrey Pines Institute for Molecular Studies	\$3,000,000
Vaccine and Gene Therapy Institute of Florida	\$3,000,000
Endowed Cancer Research Chair	
Mayo Clinic Cancer Center of Jacksonville	\$2,000,000
Florida Consortium of National Cancer Institute Centers Program	\$60,000,000
Comprehensive Statewide Tobacco Prevention and Education	\$66,613,730
Minority Health Initiatives	\$3,184,044
La Liga - League Against Cancer	\$25,000
Rural Primary Care Residency Slots	\$3,000,000
H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute - Education	\$12,576,930
TOTAL CANCER-RELATED ISSUES AND ACS CAN PRIORITIES	\$183,025,742
<p><small>*This amount includes \$1,726,038 in unexpended funds from the prior Fiscal Year that reverted and will be appropriated for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 for the same purpose.</small></p>	

Florida Cancer Data System Update

Dr. Jill MacKinnon presented via teleconference on Florida Cancer Data Systems, and provided an overview and update. Dr. MacKinnon highlighted the fact that the FCDS has not received an increase in general revenue funding since 1997, and also that the project funding from Comparative Effectiveness Research (CER) has ended. This insight prompted the Council to decide that the best course of action in the publication released by the Council to the legislature in 2015 would be to clearly outline what the needs of FCDS are, where the current funding is going, and what it is doing, and also suggest a business model for FCDS. The Council was supportive and requested review of this needs assessment and business plan in order to make further recommendations. *Dr. MacKinnon’s power point is attached.*

Break for Lunch & Networking

Update from DOH on Comprehensive Cancer Programs & Subcommittee Updates/Priorities

Susan Fleming, Florida Department of Health, provided an update on the Department’s Comprehensive Cancer Programs, including work that the Collaborative groups around the state are engaging in everything from community health workers to prevention education. An update was given on the activities of each of the goal subcommittees that operate under the

Council as well.

Governor's Cancer Plan

Florida's state Surgeon General, Dr. John Armstrong, spoke to the Council about the Governor's Cancer Plan. Dr. Armstrong outlined three main points of the plan:

1. Florida should be a premier destination for cancer care around the world, specifically saying that, "Floridians shouldn't have to leave the state for care."
2. Florida should also be a premier destination for extramural research funding and clinical trials through the statewide network the cancer plan helps to facilitate
3. Through the state's diversified population and increasing access to clinical trials, by attracting more research dollars to the state, we can begin getting faster answers – faster cures. Florida should have the model screening and prevention protocols for the nation.

Moreover, the Surgeon General expressed that restructuring of the Council is a major advancement for the state, allowing for a more nimble group to work more inclusively on suggesting cancer policy.

Update from BRAC

Dr. Danny Armstrong provided an update for the activities of the Biomedical Research Advisory Council (BRAC). The realignment of the Council was highlighted by Dr. Armstrong to emphasize the newly improved collaborative opportunities that BRAC and the Council will have. He noted that the BRAC Chair and CCRAAB Chair have attended the other's respective meetings for the past two years, providing synergy and facilitating consistent dialogue. During this year's legislative session, the Bankhead-Coley and the James and Esther King biomedical trust funds were awarded ten million dollars each. Dr. Armstrong also briefed the Council on BRAC's strategic plan.

PCAC Update

Dr. George acknowledged that Dr. Rivers from the Council (serving as a Council liaison to PCAC) provided him with an update of the PCAC efforts this past year. The PCAC is taking on the challenge of establishing a work group to ensure that screening guidelines for prostate cancer are appropriately interpreted, particularly for men at high risk of the disease, including those with family histories or members of disparate populations. There was discussion about the Council working with PCAC more closely in establishing the state cancer treatment plan, in regards to prostate cancer.

Update on Cancer Centers of Excellence

Dr. Robert Hood, Director of Florida's Cancer and Research Program, provided an update on the Cancer Centers of Excellence. There are currently five applicants seeking the Cancer Center of Excellence designation, with site visits for all five institutions planned for late summer. Dr. Hood discussed the strenuous standards applicants must meet to gain the designation, but that the guidelines are meaningful for benchmarking the designation. Through this designation the state will be able to improve the quality of cancer care, research, ensure that patients have the most access to research/trials, and it will all round back into the field of practice. This essentially becomes a road map for institutions who want to organize to deliver better care and expand meaningful research.

Action Items

- **Business plan for Florida Cancer Data Systems.**
- **Identify metrics for how the Council defines measurable goals and will define success moving forward.**
- **Focus on Colorectal Cancer Screenings as part of the annual report the Council is designated with producing.**
- **Finalize new member roster effective with activation of HB 511.**

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm EST. The next CCRAB General Membership Meeting is scheduled for *Thursday, October 30, 2014 from 10:00 am – 3:00pm* at Moffitt Cancer Center.