

CCRAB Newsletter

FALL 2017

1. CDC Cancer Conference: Report from CCRAB Chair

This Fall, Dr. Cogle represented CCRAB at the CDC Cancer Conference in Atlanta, GA. He met with state cancer consortium leaders from around the nation. Examples of highly effective cancer patient advocacy programs were presented and discussed. Dr. Cogle is incorporating knowledge gained from the conference into our CCRAB operations.

2. Telehealth Advisory Council Report: Expanding Florida's Use and Accessibility of Telehealth

In October, the Telehealth Advisory Council released a report of recommendations for the expansion of telehealth services in our state. The report identifies six topic areas where current opportunities exist to support the expansion of telehealth in Florida: defining telehealth, health insurance coverage, reimbursement for telehealth, health care practitioner licensure, patient/consumer protections, and technology. The Florida Cancer Plan 2015-2020 includes a goal to facilitate Florida-based telemedicine for high-quality cancer patient cancer, genomics, and advanced cancer research analytics. Whereas, cancer is not specially mentioned in the 27-page report, the entire report is applicable and supportive of cancer patients' and oncology professionals' shared use of telehealth. The full report can be found at: www.ahca.myflorida.com/SCHS/telehealth/docs/TAC_Report.pdf

3. Announcement: CCRAB Has a New Website

The CCRAB website has a new look, which we hope will make www.ccrab.org a more useful resource. The site will continue to be updated with CCRAB news and other relevant information. We welcome any suggestions you may have.

4. CCRAB Member & Staff Spotlight: Senator Dana Young & Representative Jamie Grant

We are excited to welcome CCRAB's two newest members. Senator Dana Young was appointed by Senate President Negron, and Representative Jamie Grant was appointed by House Speaker Corcoran. Senator Young currently serves as the Chair of the Senate Committee on Health Policy, and Representative Grant Chairs the House Health Quality Subcommittee, and serves on the House Health and Human Services Committee and Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee. Both Senator Young and Representative Grant have shown positive leadership in improving cancer care and increasing research resources for Floridians. We look forward to their participation on the Council as we continue our work to reduce Florida's cancer burden.

5. Next CCRAB Meeting: Friday, May 18, 2018 at the Moffitt McKinley Outpatient Center

The next CCRAB meeting will be held on Friday, May 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Moffitt McKinley Outpatient Center in the Gruden Huddle Room. Additional details and an agenda will be made available prior to the meeting.



**Florida Cancer Control
& Research Advisory Council**

The Florida Cancer Control and Research Advisory Council (CCRAB) was established by the Florida Legislature in 1979 with the purpose of advising the Legislature, Governor, and Surgeon General on ways to reduce Florida's cancer burden. Dr. Christopher Cogle is the Chair of CCRAB, and Dr. Clement Gwede is the Vice Chair.