

FLORIDA CANCER CONTROL AND RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Friday, September 29, 2017, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Moffitt Cancer Center, Stabile Research Building Board of Trustees Room

Council Members Present

- Jessica Bahari-Kashani, MD - Florida Medical Association
- Robert Cassell, MD, PhD - Association of Community Cancer Centers
- Christopher R. Cogle, MD - University of Florida Shands Cancer Center - Senate President's Appointee (*Chair*)
- Clement Gwede, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN - Moffitt Cancer Center (*Vice Chair*)
- Duane Mitchell, MD, PhD - University of Florida Shands Cancer Center
- Celeste Philip, MD, MPH - Florida's Surgeon General for Health, Florida Department of Health
- Megan Wessel, MPH - American Cancer Society
- Senator Dana Young - Senate President's Appointee

Council Members Not Present

- Asher Chana-Kahn, MD - Florida Hospital Association (By Phone)
- Lawrence Hochman, DO, FACRO - Florida Osteopathic Medical Association (By Phone)
- Erin Kobetz, PhD - Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center University of Miami (By Phone)
- Amy Smith, MD - Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children - Governor's Appointee (By Phone)
- Marti Coley Eubanks - Nemours Children's Hospital - House Speaker's Appointee
- Theresa Morrison, PhD, MSN, CNS-BC, RN - Florida Nurses Association

Others Present

- Daniel Armstrong, PhD, Chair, Florida Biomedical Research Advisory Council
- Paul Hull, ACS CAN
- Matt Jordan, ACS CAN
- Merritt Martin, Moffitt Cancer Center
- Bobbie McKee, PhD, Moffitt Cancer Center
- Lisa Richardson, MD, MPH CDC
- Thomas Stringer, MD, FACS, Chair, Florida Prostate Cancer Advisory Council
- Sandra Stonecypher, Moffitt Cancer Center
- Jamie Wilson, Moffitt Cancer Center
- Marian Banzhaf, Florida Department of Health (By Phone)
- Felicia Dickey, Florida Department of Health (By Phone)
- Tara Hylton - Florida Department of Health (By Phone)
- Gary Levin, Florida Department of Health (By Phone)
- Sam Mooneyhan, Florida Department of Health (By Phone)
- Melissa Murray Jordan, Florida Department of Health (By Phone)
- Kelly O'Dare, PhD, Florida Department of Health (By Phone)
- Ken Peach, Florida Department of Health (By Phone)
- Gregg Smith, Florida Department of Health (By Phone)
- Heather Youmans, ACS CAN (By Phone)

Welcome

Dr. Chris Cogle 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.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Cogle led the motion to review and approve the minutes from the May 12, 2017 meeting. Drs. Mitchell and Bahari-Kashani motioned to approve the minutes. The Council concurred.

CCRAB September 2017 Introduction

Dr. Cogle presented a Power Point reviewing the mission of CCRAB, and updated the Council on the top five causes of death nationally and in Florida, metrics on cancer deaths and incidences in Florida. There was discussion regarding incidence and Florida's cancer burden.

Florida Cancer Plan Progress Report

Dr. Cogle began the discussion of topics within the Cancer Plan Dashboard. He explained that several goals had been selected for this agenda item, while additional goals will be addressed during other portions of the agenda. Then, several goals will be the focus at the next meeting.

Theme #1: The Burden of Cancer

Goal 3: Link key screening, laboratory, and molecular cancer test results into the Florida cancer integrated data repository

Dr. Gwede discussed the workgroup of DOH/FCDS key partners referenced in the dashboard update, and the possibility of a CCRAB member serving on this workgroup. Dr. Philip said she felt that it would be possible. Tyra Hylton provided an update on task force/workgroup members, and explained that they would soon have a better idea of the timeline for meeting. She also explained that many of the individuals selected had relationships with other institutions. Drs. Mitchell and Kobetz mentioned looking at additional individuals to represent their institutions.

Theme #2: The Best Defense is a Great Offense

Goal 3: Increase the proportion of Floridians who receive appropriate cancer screenings

Megan Wessel pointed to the progress in colorectal cancer screening within the FQHC population, but also explained that the loophole with screening and treatment is still an issue given that insurers may not cover the screening if it results in being coded as diagnostic. Additionally, Ms. Wessel said, to increase screening rates, hospitals are working internally and externally, and local partnerships work on identifying colonoscopies needed, donated, and utilized. Dr. Richardson said studies have shown that colonoscopy capacity is sufficient in many areas, but might not be utilized by those who need them. There was discussion regarding return rates for mailed tests. Dr. Kobetz informed the group of Miami's success with return rates.

There was discussion regarding the proportion of women below 200% FPL receiving screening mammograms and Pap smears via the Mary Brogan Breast and Cervical Program. Dr. Philip pointed out that the proportion of women actually being served may be higher, as the Mary Brogan data do not include screenings at FQHCs or other local clinic providers. The DOH will work on trying to get these data captured. Drs. Cogle and Gwede offered to assist DOH staff to obtain a more precise number for the population being served.

There was discussion regarding the PCAC recommendations. Dr. Stringer said that once the new USPSTF guidelines are finalized, PCAC will incorporate them into their recommendations. He also explained that urologists are seeing increases in the number of high risk prostate cancer diagnoses. Dr. Gwede asked if aligning guidelines could be a potential action item to consider, and Dr. Stringer said that there are numerous guidelines. Ms. Wessel said that the CCRAB role has historically been to not endorse particular guidelines, but rather encourage patients to be informed decision makers based on conversations with their doctor. Drs. Hochman and Cassell mentioned that it is also important to make sure that the physicians are informed. Dr. Armstrong said there could be opportunities for Florida investigators to get involved with improving screening methods to identify high risk cancers.

Florida DOH Update by Dr. Celeste Philip

Dr. Philip thanked Dr. Cogle for initiating a meeting with DOH staff over the summer, and invited the staff participating via phone to join her in giving updates on DOH cancer program work.

Tara Hylton and Gary Levin gave an update on CDC funding received to capture screening data in the cancer registry. In October, they expect additional details from the CDC on what will be required for this pilot program. Ms. Hylton provided an overview of demographic characteristics based on preliminary analysis of new information from the VA. There was discussion regarding the potential for duplicates in registries due to patients using VA facilities in multiple states. A federal-level requirement for the VA to report into cancer registries would help improve data quality, as missing cases would be accounted for and variation reduced.

Marian Banzhaf discussed the lung cancer screening pilot program in Florida. She explained that they are working on incorporating cessation into the program, and reviewed the criteria. The scope of work and invitation to negotiate will be published. Dr. Cogle asked how many groups they thought they'd be able to fund. She said they want to look at areas with higher incidence.

Melissa Murray Jordan gave an update on the Cancer Centers of Excellence Designation. She discussed criteria, the application process, and feedback. No applications were submitted for the spring 2017 cycle.

Dr. Philip said the Telehealth Advisory Council is close to finalizing recommendations, and asked if CCRAB members had suggestions they would like her to take back to ACHA. Dr. Cogle said it was important to ensure that all cancer patients have access to telehealth. He asked to make sure that the Originating Site requirement for reimbursement not be restricted to the physical proximity of the provider; instead, the patient be allowed to be in a remote setting from the health provider during the telehealth encounter. Dr. Philip said they would not advocate for anything that restricts access. Dr. Cogle also pointed out that since Florida has not joined the Interstate Medical Licensure Act, nurses instead of physicians may be better positioned to lead telehealth efforts in Florida, as nurses will be able to use their licenses in other states as opposed to Florida doctors.

Dr. Cassell asked to be added to the DOH Cancer Stakeholder newsletter distribution list. Sam Mooneyhan said he is happy to add everyone.

CDC Division of Cancer Prevention and Control Presentation by Dr. Lisa Richardson

Dr. Lisa Richardson, Director of the CDC's Division of Cancer Prevention and Control delivered a presentation regarding the Division's work.

Florida Consortium of National Cancer Institute Centers Program Report

Dr. Cogle invited anyone who had reviewed the 2017 Florida Consortium of National Cancer Institute Centers Program Report to provide feedback to DOH. Dr. Philip and Melissa Murry Jordan provided an overview of what is included in the report. Dr. Cogle suggested that the report could emphasize how state investments help institutions achieve and maintain NCI designation rather than just highlighting research projects. Dr. Gwede thought including an executive summary might help to synthesize. There was discussion regarding the challenge of making the distinction between the funds to help achieve NCI designation versus funds for state biomedical research programs. Moving forward, DOH may be able to give the three institutions the opportunity to contribute to an executive summary for the next report, which is required every three years. The next report to the DOH is due in 2020.

Florida Biomedical Research Advisory Council Update by Dr. Daniel Armstrong

Dr. Armstrong gave an update on the BRAC's cancer research programs' application number and funding rates. He explained that there are still a large number of with high meritorious scores going unfunded. The proposals that are funded have showed a great return on investment in terms of publications, patents, additional funding, etc. Dr. Armstrong also said the \$25 million state Zika initiative could have an impact on cancer, as it lays out a model. There was discussion about possibilities for proposals that the BRAC is not able to fund going on to receive funding from another source, such as partnering with the private sector.

American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network Update

Mr. Matt Jordan gave an update on ACS CAN's legislative priorities for the year, which include funding for the Mary Brogan Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program, the state's biomedical research programs, and the tobacco education and cessation program. Mr. Paul Hull highlighted the great progress Florida's cancer research programs have made since they were established. There was discussion regarding Tobacco Free Florida funding, spending, and return on investment. The DOH will provide information on the tobacco program's spending and effectiveness. Florida's investment is still far below what the CDC recommends for tobacco prevention and education funding in the state.

There was discussion regarding hurricane impact. Ms. Wessel provided information on the challenges that cancer patients and oncologists in Puerto Rico are facing, such as lack of access to medications and preauthorization needed for treatment.

CCRAB Annual Report due February 2018

Dr. Cogle asked for input on what others thought might be necessary or useful to make the CCRAB Annual Report, which is due in February 2018, more of a resource. A suggestion was to consider programs externally funded at DOH, and show productivity towards meeting needs and making progress. Senator Young suggested that giving legislators a one pager and offering to follow up with full report would be more useful for legislators, and would save money on printing. There was discussion over state budget issues as they are faced with hurricane costs.

Next CCRAB Meeting

Dr. Cogle stated that the next CCRAB meeting will be May.

Open Discussion

Dr. Cogle provided an opportunity for open discussion among Council members.

Dr. Cogle thanked everyone for participating. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. on September 29, 2017.