

**FLORIDA CANCER CONTROL AND RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**Friday, September 17, 2021, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

**Council Members in Attendance**

- Senator Aaron Bean - Senate President's Appointee
- Representative Linda Chaney - House Speaker's Appointee
- Christopher Cogle, MD - Senate President's Appointee
- Mike Diaz, MD - Association of Community Cancer Centers
- Carole Duncanson - House Speaker's Appointee
- Patricia Geddie, PhD, APRN-CNS, AOCNS - Florida Nurses Association
- Clement Gwede, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN - Moffitt Cancer Center (Chair)
- Erin Kobetz, PhD - Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center University of Miami (Vice Chair)
- Nitesh Paryani, MD - Florida Medical Association
- Mitchell Peabody, DO - Florida Osteopathic Medical Association
- Ramzi Salloum, PhD - University of Florida Health Cancer Center
- Amy Smith, MD - Governor's Appointee
- Megan Wessel, MPH - American Cancer Society

**Council Members Not in Attendance**

- Asher Chanan-Khan, MD - Florida Hospital Association
- Scott Rivkees, MD - Florida's Surgeon General, Florida Department of Health

**Others**

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| • Rania Abdulla         | • Susan Harbin       | • Elieser Nodarse       |
| • Daniel Armstrong      | • Meredith Hennon    | • Claudia Parvanta      |
| • Leanne Bailey         | • Khasandra Hobbs    | • Ken Peach             |
| • Marion Banzhaf        | • April Ingram       | • Susan Ponder-Stansel  |
| • Jodian Blake          | • Gabrielle Jones    | • Luis Raez             |
| • Allison Charles       | • Tom Joos           | • Kadie Raven           |
| • Laura Corbin          | • Paul Ledford       | • Aubrey Reichard-Eline |
| • Hailee Cornett        | • David Lee          | • Thomas Stringer       |
| • Robin DeWalt          | • Gary Levin         | • Chris Sugg            |
| • Ernesto Diaz          | • Monica Livingstone | • Sarah Szurek          |
| • Eric Durbin           | • Ashley Lyerly      | • Taylor Tachell        |
| • Natalie Erasme        | • Merritt Martin     | • Vickey Tiggs          |
| • Aubrey Fay            | • Shahla Masood      | • Haley Tolbert         |
| • Khaliah Fleming       | • Latrina Massey     | • Jason Wilson          |
| • Rebecca Francois      | • Bobbie McKee       | • Jamie Wilson          |
| • Bonnie Gaughan-Bailey | • Shawn Menchion     |                         |
| • Christina Giron       | • Kimberly Millrood  |                         |
| • Gavin Grigg           | • Laura Morse        |                         |
|                         | • Julie Newberry     |                         |

## **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. Dr. Gwede discussed Florida's cancer burden and the health equity focus of the 2020-2025 Florida Cancer Plan. He reviewed the long-term vision of cancer in Florida.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Gwede presented the minutes from May 21, 2021. Dr. Chris Cogle made a motion to accept the minutes. Dr. Mitchell Peabody seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The Council concurred with no objections.

## **Approval of Cancer Plan Revisions**

Council Members discussed proposed revisions to the Florida Cancer Plan, which included:

1. Lung cancer screening goal/ objective - Proposed revision changes age range and smoking history to match U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommendation update.
2. Colorectal Cancer Screening Goal/Objective - Proposed revision changes age range to match U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommendation update.

There was discussion regarding breast cancer screening guidelines. While some recommendations begin at age 40, the Cancer Plan uses USPSTF recommendations. Representative Chaney expressed concern over the later age recommendation. This could be a topic of future discussion for CCRAB. The Council approved the two proposed revisions for 2021.

## **Florida Palliative Care Coalition Update**

Susan Ponder-Stansel and Paul Ledford provided an update on Florida Palliative Care Coalition efforts. The Coalition's goals are directly aligned with Florida Cancer Plan Goal 16: Achieve excellent quality of life for all Floridians with cancer and their caregivers from Day 1 of diagnosis, during treatment, and after treatment.

Objective 16.1: By 2025, standardize the definition of palliative care services in Florida state statute.

Objective 16.2: By 2025, develop minimum standards that Florida health care agencies have to meet in order for the agencies to report that they provide palliative care services.

Objective 16.3: By 2025, increase the number of Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) accredited Hospice and Palliative Medicine fellowship programs in Florida from 12 to 15 or higher.

All stakeholders are needed to help raise awareness and increase education for these issues.

## **Biomedical Research Advisory Council (BRAC) Update**

Dr. Danny Armstrong gave an update on the state's cancer research programs. Dr. Armstrong reviewed the Biomedical Council Advisory Council (BRAC) background and strategic plan development. The James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program will receive less funding due to changes in the Chiles Endowment Fund. The BRAC programs have continued to attract the best and brightest applicants from numerous institutions across Florida. Additional resources for the BRAC programs would allow for more of these projects to be funded. These programs have brought great science and great job creation; much great science is left on the table each cycle due to limited resources. There was discussion regarding focus on health equity and implementation grants. There was discussion regarding the funds needed to close the merit gap for the James and Esther King and Bankhead Coley programs, which continues to be a top priority for CCRAB.

### **Milestones in Cancer Research, Policy, and Care: 50 Years after the National Cancer Act of 1971**

Dr. Gwede reviewed cancer incidence and mortality trends in Florida and the US. He shared several milestones that have been reached since enactment of the National Cancer Act of 1971, including advancements in cancer prevention and early detection, policy, and treatment. Dr. Danny Armstrong discussed pediatric cancer advancements; clinical trials participation drove advancements and increased survival rates. Dr. Erin Kobetz discussed the need for alignment between NCI cancer center priorities and local cancer burden; community outreach and engagement activities maximize impact. Dr. Jamie Wilson discussed historic trends in state investments for cancer; having a comprehensive program for NCI designation has created opportunities for collaboration that don't exist in other states and attracts people to Florida. There is still a need for additional state research funding given that Florida has the second highest cancer burden.

### **Legislative Update & Discussion**

Susan Harbin, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN), reviewed outcomes of the 2021 Legislative Session. ACS CAN is in the process of finalizing priority issues for the 2022 Legislative Session, which will include a request for additional funding for the Mary Brogan Breast and Cervical Early Detection Program and coverage for biomarker testing. There was discussion regarding tobacco control issues and the importance of continuing to monitor preemption.

### **Resumption of Cancer Screenings**

Dr. Mike Diaz shared study details regarding the COVID-19 impact on cancer screenings in Florida and nationally using claims data to compare monthly screening and biopsy rates with the previous year's monthly rates. Screening rates are still below pre-pandemic level, which will lead to later stage diagnoses.

Megan Wessel shared information about the American Cancer Society's (ACS) efforts focused on resumption of cancer services, including learning collaboratives focused on breast cancer screening and HPV vaccination, which allow systems to learn from each other.

Laura Corbin shared information regarding the Florida Department of Health's (DOH) efforts to promote the resumption of cancer screenings. The Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program reached its screening goals. The DOH is working with health systems to increase screenings and trying to address structural barriers. HPV vaccination rates have increased slightly but are still not to pre-pandemic levels. The DOH is collaborating with Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and the ACS on education and outreach efforts.

There was discussion regarding understanding disparities and the importance of collaboration among stakeholders. Increasing access for Medicaid patients would be impactful.

### **Kentucky Cancer Registry Genetics Data Collection Presentation**

Dr. Eric Durbin delivered a presentation on the Kentucky Cancer Registry. Kentucky is the only state cancer registry collecting genomic data. Gary Levin reviewed items for consideration for Florida's Cancer Registry. The Florida Cancer Plan includes an objective to form a state cancer data workgroup consisting of key stakeholders to develop strategies for adding cancer biology data, social determinants of health data, cancer screening data, and precancerous cervical pathology test results (CIN2/3, CIS) to the state cancer registry (Objective 2.1). The Council voted and there were no objections to moving forward with the development of this workgroup.

**Regional Cancer Control Collaborative Spotlights**

Natalie Erasme delivered a presentation on the Southwest Florida Cancer Control Collaborative.

**State Cancer Plan Implementation: Dashboard Demonstration and Discussion**

Dr. Erin Kobetz provided an update on the development of a Florida Cancer Plan Dashboard with data to help determine progress and inform the selection of priorities throughout the implementation process.

Eli Nodarse shared an updated demonstration of the Florida Cancer Plan Dashboard under development, and asked meeting attendees for feedback.

There was discussion regarding adding linkage to evidence-based strategies to the dashboard. This would be beneficial for all stakeholders utilizing the dashboard data; it allows for the identification of priorities as well as information on evidence-based practices.

**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 2022. Dr. Bobbie McKee will follow-up with Council members for availability.

**Adjourn**

Dr. Gwede thanked everyone for participating. The meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM on September 17, 2021.