

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

Monday, May 18, 2015 10:00 am – 3:00 pm EST
Moffitt Cancer Center – Stabile Research Building
Board of Trustees Room

Council Members in Attendance

- John Armstrong, MD, FACS - Florida's Surgeon General
- Jessica Bahari-Kashani, MD - Florida Medical Association (By Phone)
- Robert Cassell, MD - Association of Community Cancer Centers (By Phone)
- Asher Chanan-Kahn, MD - Florida Hospital Association (By Phone)
- Christopher Cogle, MD - University of Florida - Senate President's Appointee (By Phone)
- Marti Coley – Nemours Children's Hospital - House Speaker's Appointee
- Thomas George, MD FACS - University of Florida (*Chair*)
- Lawrence Hochman, DO, FACRO - Florida Osteopathic Medical Association
- Speaker Pro-Tempore Matt Hudson - House Speaker's Appointee
- Erin Kobetz, PhD, MPH - Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Miami
- Brian Rivers, PhD, MPH - Moffitt Cancer Center (*Vice Chair*)
- Amy Smith, MD – Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children – Governor's Appointee
- Senator Eleanor Sobel - Senate President's Appointee (By Phone)
- Megan Wessel, MPH - American Cancer Society

Other Non-Council Members in Attendance

- Dr. Daniel Armstog – Chair, Florida Biomedical Research Advisory Council
- Duane Mitchell, MD, PhD – Florida Center for Brain Tumor Research
- Barbara Fretzen - Florida Center for Brain Tumor Research
- David J. Lee PhD – Florida Cancer Data System
- Gary Levine – Florida Cancer Data System
- Merritt Martin - Moffitt Cancer Center
- Laura Lenhart - Moffitt Cancer Center
- Jamie Wilson - Moffitt Cancer Center
- Sandra Stonecypher - Moffitt Cancer Center
- Heather Youmans - American Cancer Society (By Phone)
- Sue Higgins - Florida Department of Health (By Phone)
- Tara Hylton - Florida Cancer Data System (By Phone)

Welcome & Introductions

Dr. Thom George began by welcoming all members and guests, and also briefly reviewing the day's agenda. Each Council member and guest took a moment to introduce themselves to the room.

Dr. George also asked for a moment of silence to recognize the passing of Dr. Gerald Robbins. Dr. Robbins served on CCRAB for many years and was a passionate advocate for cancer research.

Approval of Minutes from October 30, 2014

Dr. Thom George led the motion to review and approve the meeting minutes from the October 30, 2014 meeting. After hearing no motions to amend the minutes, Rep. Matt Hudson and Dr. John Armstrong motioned to approve the minutes. The Council concurred.

2015 Legislative Update

Dr. Thom George began by introducing Sen. Eleanor Sobel and Rep. Matt Hudson, and briefly explaining the abrupt ending of the 2015 regular session. The Legislature adjourned early due to differences regarding how to address the funding issues surrounding state's low-income pool. The Legislature is constitutionally bound to pass a balanced budget annually.

Sen. Sobel and Rep. Matt Hudson reviewed legislation: SB 376 Relating to Tanning Bed Facilities, SB 438/HB 511 Relating to Palliative Care, HB 269 Relating to Experimental Treatments for Terminal Conditions ("Right to Try") and HB 7044 relating to Health Insurance Affordability Exchange. The only bill that passed both chambers was HB 269 Relating to Experimental Treatments for Terminal Conditions ("Right to Try"). HB 269 will allow for a terminally ill patient opt into a clinical trial post phase 1 clinical trials.

Heather Youmans, Government Relations Director for the American Cancer Society, reviewed budget line items as they were left at the conclusion of regular session. Ms. Youmans explained that these totals might change, as the legislature would be reconvening in June to complete the state's budget.

| BUDGET ISSUE | HOUSE | SENATE |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Mary Brogan Breast & Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program | \$ 400,000 | \$ 350,000 |
| Biomedical Research | | |
| James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program | \$ 10,000,000 | \$ 10,000,000 |
| William G. "Bill" Bankhead, Jr., and David Coley Cancer Research Program | \$ 10,000,000 | \$ 10,000,000 |
| Statewide Brain Tumor Registry Program - McKnight Brain Institute | \$ 500,000 | \$ 500,000 |
| Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute | \$ 5,600,000 | \$ 3,000,000 |
| Vaccine and Gene Therapy Institute of Florida | \$ 2,500,000 | \$ ~~~ |
| Torrey Pines Institute for Molecular Studies | \$ 2,500,000 | \$ ~~~ |
| Roskamp Institute for Oncology Drug Development | \$ 500,000 | \$ ~~~ |
| Florida Consortium of National Cancer Institute Centers Program | \$ 60,000,000 | \$ 60,000,000 |
| Endowed Cancer Research Chair | | |
| Mayo Clinic Cancer Center of Jacksonville | \$ 2,000,000 | \$ ~~~ |
| Shands Cancer Hospital at UF | \$ ~~~ | \$ 1,000,000 |
| Sylvester Cancer Center at UM | \$ ~~~ | \$ 1,000,000 |
| Comprehensive Statewide Tobacco Prevention and Education | \$ 67,683,940 | \$ 67,683,940 |
| Minority Health Initiatives | \$ 3,134,044 | \$ 3,134,044 |
| Rural Primary Care Residency Slots | \$ 3,000,000 | \$ 3,000,000 |
| H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute - Education | \$ 10,576,930 | \$ 10,576,930 |
| TOTAL CANCER-RELATED ISSUES AND ACS CAN PRIORITIES | \$ 178,394,914 | \$ 170,244,914 |

BRAC: Update & Research Plan

Dr. Danny Armstrong, Chair of the Biomedical Research Advisory Council (BRAC), presented an update of the council's 2014-2015 fiscal year appropriations (*see attached PowerPoint*). Upon reviewing the presentation, Megan Wessel of the American Cancer Society recommended that BRAC have a one pager for their strategic goals; Dr. Armstrong agreed.

Updates: Department of Health, Cancer Center of Excellence Program

Dr. John Armstrong, Florida's Surgeon General provided an update on the Cancer Centers of Excellence awardees (*see attached PowerPoint*). Currently, six hospitals in the state have received the designation. These hospitals are: The University of Florida Proton Therapy Institute, the Mayo Clinic – Jacksonville, UF Health Shands Cancer Hospital, UF Health Cancer Center – Orlando Health, Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute, and the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Miami. Dr. Armstrong noted that this program would not have come to fruition had it not been for former state Representative Marti Coley and her bigger vision for cancer research and patient care in Florida.

Lunch & Learn: Florida Cancer Data System

David J. Lee, PhD, Project Director/PI and Gary Levin, Deputy Director of the Florida Cancer Data System led a "Lunch & Learn" presentation on the Florida Cancer Data System (*see attached PowerPoint*).

The presentation provided an overview of what FCDS does as one of the top cancer surveillance systems in the nation and beginning to outline the future needs of FCDS in order to keep up with Florida's growing cancer burden. A needed advancement for FCDS is next level data capture through more advanced claims reporting. More advanced claims reporting is essential to continued compliance, pulling quality info from that data stream to augment the quality of the cancer record. Dr. Lee explained that the issue FCDS is facing is not a technology issue, but a reporting issue – through both external partners and internal manpower. CCRAB had previously charged FCDS with developing a business plan to present to CCRAB. Once the plan is distributed, a taskforce will form to assist FCDS in making outlining their needs and their specified ask to achieve future goals.

Strategies, Timelines Updates

Dr. Thom George led the group in a discussion and review of the strategies that were outlined in the Council's state cancer plan for 2015.

1. Cancer as a Journey
 - The Council took time in this section to expand upon the needs of Florida Cancer Data System (FCDS) from the lunch and learn. What exactly does FCDS need to make sure all data accessible and also for it to be an outcomes based registry? The Council is committed to assisting FCDS in establishing their official "ask" and streamline a request for what is needed to achieve increased reporting needs. CCRAB will be working with FCDS throughout the summer.
2. The Best Defense is a Great Offense
 - As a result of the prevention goal laid out in the cancer plan, moving forward the Council decided to specifically focus on vaccination policy regarding HPV and colorectal cancer screenings.

3. Improving Patient Outcomes with Treatment
 - Topics covered under the umbrella of improving outcomes included: Health Equity and provider and patient information for best practices. The suggestion was made that when shopping for your health insurance coverage the plan would outline what cancer coverage you have with that plan. Additionally, oral chemotherapy parity policy issue was discussed insofar as whether or not the legislation may be revisited in 2016. With regards to clinical trials, the Surgeon General posed the following questions: What are the things that we would need to do, as we're encouraging research throughout the state? The creation of a statewide research network? How do we build in the infrastructure to make the most dollars come here? These themes will be considered moving forward in updating this goal.
4. Beyond the Cancer Diagnosis
 - Due to time constraints the Council had to move directly to goal 5.
5. Florida as a Cancer Care & Research Destination
 - The question was asked, "What else needs to happen to make Florida a destination for biomedical research and cancer care and delivery?"
 - In addition to FCDS, the Council agreed to that increasing funding to the Biomedical Trust Fund would increase the competitiveness of in-state peer reviewed grants, continuation of hospitals throughout the state applying for and receiving the Cancer Centers of Excellence status, and more inter-institutional collaborations and statewide bio repositories in order to build infrastructure in Florida. In 2012, CCRAB created a white paper on this topic, per discussion the white paper will be updated.

Adjourn

Dr. Thom George thanked everyone for their time and participation. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.