

**FLORIDA CANCER CONTROL AND RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Friday, October 23, 2020, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

Council Members in Attendance

- Senator Lizbeth Benacquisto - Senate President's Appointee
- Asher Chanan-Khan, MD - Florida Hospital Association
- Christopher Cogle, MD - Senate President's Appointee (Chair)
- 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 (Vice Chair)
- Erin Kobetz, PhD - Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center University of Miami
- Nitesh Paryani, MD - Florida Medical Association
- Mitchell Peabody, DO - Florida Osteopathic Medical Association
- Scott Rivkees, MD - Florida's Surgeon General, Florida Department of Health
- Ramzi Salloum, PhD - University of Florida Shands Cancer Center
- Amy Smith, MD - Governor's Appointee
- Megan Wessel, MPH - American Cancer Society

Council Members Not in Attendance

- N/A

Others

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| • Ethel Arauz | • Melissa Jordan |
| • Daniel Armstrong, PhD | • Paul Ledford |
| • Tenesha Avent | • Michael Lessinger |
| • Leanne Bailey | • Gary Levin |
| • Marion Banzhaf | • Virginia Liddell |
| • Patricia Barrington, PhD | • Merritt Martin |
| • Joannie Bewa, MD | • Latrina Massey |
| • Jodian Blake | • Rebecca McClain |
| • Laura Corbin | • Bobbie McKee, PhD |
| • Hailee Cornett | • Kimberly Millrood |
| • Heather DeRue-Biddle | • Laura Morse |
| • Robin DeWalt | • Sheryl Mosley |
| • Felisha Dickey | • Antoria Moten |
| • Bonnie Gaughan-Bailey | • Kenneth Peach |
| • Gavin Grigg | • Susan Ponder-Stansel |
| • Chloe Hale | • James Randolph |
| • Tonia Harris | • Towana Reddick |
| • Meredith Hennon | • Vicki Reich |
| • Paul Hull | • Keshia Reid |
| • Tara Hylton | • Thomas Stringer, MD |
| • Caryl Jefferson | • Taylor Tachell |
| • Monique Johnson | • Josephine Visser |
| • Thomas Joos | • Jamie Wilson, DBA |

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. Council members introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Clement Gwede presented the minutes and made a motion to accept the minutes. Senator Lizbeth Benacquisto seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The Council concurred with no objections.

State Cancer Plan Overview, Revisions & Implementation Update

Dr. Cogle began the discussion by reviewing cancer incidence and mortality in Florida, and the long-term vision of cancer in Florida. He reviewed the 2020-2025 Florida Cancer Plan goals and objectives. Dr. Cogle emphasized the importance of Regional Cancer Control Collaboratives (RCCC) in the development and implementation of the Cancer Plan and invited the RCCC representatives to introduce themselves.

There was discussion regarding the annual process for making revisions to the Florida Cancer Plan. The three proposed revisions for the current year include: 1) change Objective 14.1 to align with updated USPSTF HCV screening guidelines; 2) change Goal 13 to emphasize the focus on screening for aggressive prostate cancer; and 3) update baselines and targets for Objectives 9.1-9.4 based on the availability of new data. Dr. Bobbie McKee will send a notification of the review period prior to the changes being finalized.

CCRAB will be developing a Cancer Plan Dashboard with data to help determine progress and inform the selection of priorities throughout the implementation process.

COVID-19 & Department of Health Updates

Dr. Scott Rivkees provided an update on COVID-19 and discussed the state's multi-agency response to the virus. Data, reports and other resources are publicly available on the Florida Department of Health's (DOH) website. All states have provided provisional plans to the Department of Health and Human Services in anticipation of vaccine approval and availability by the end of the year. Many individuals have fallen behind on getting the flu vaccine, primary care, cancer screenings, etc. The Department has continued to keep other health promotion programs active during this time. The use of data and multi-agency cooperation and collaboration will continue to be important moving forward.

Legislative Update & Discussion

Senator Benacquisto began by thanking Dr. Rivkees for the work he and his teams have done to address the pandemic. The upcoming legislative session will be uniquely challenging from the standpoint of both conducting work in the Capitol as well as the current budget forecasts. However, the work of CCRAB and other groups and institutions is important, and advocates should continue to keep it top of mind, in partnership with the Legislature, Governor's Office and Florida DOH.

Mr. Paul Hull, ACS CAN, agreed that there were many uncertainties and current budget deficit ahead of the next legislative session. Top priorities will be protecting funding for the Mary Brogan Breast & Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, the State's biomedical research programs, and the State's tobacco prevention program. Beyond budget priorities, ACS CAN will continue to look for appropriate opportunities to advocate for tobacco control initiatives. Dr. Ramzi Salloum commented on the empirical evidence showing the substantial effect flavor bans have on youth demand for nicotine products.

There was discussion regarding increasing healthcare access for Floridians who have become unemployed during the pandemic. Senator Benacquisto stated that it is important to utilize existing data to drive efforts and to look at individual cancer types. There are a number of state programs that could possibly be augmented to meet current needs. Health plans should also be included in the discussion.

Resumption of Cancer Screenings

Dr. Mike Diaz shared study details regarding the COVID-19 impact on cancer screenings in Florida using claims data to compare monthly screening and biopsy rates by disease type with the previous year's monthly rates. Dr. Diaz also has national data, and can share both state and national data with anyone who is interested in receiving the information. There was discussion regarding colorectal cancer screening by modality.

Ms. Megan Wessel shared national cancer screening data through June, and discussed health system activities. The American Cancer Society (ACS) has developed learning collaboratives and is working with Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) to share information on how cancer screening back logs are being addressed. Hospital systems have expressed an interest in public messaging to address patient reluctance. Advocacy efforts are also of interest. The ACS is convening integrated delivery systems to share challenges and solutions. Health plans began shifting focus to restarting cancer screenings in July/August. The ACS has developed a toolkit for safely resuming and promoting cancer screenings during the pandemic, along with numerous other resources. Additionally, the ACS has partnered with the NFL to get back on track with cancer screenings during COVID-19; three of the twenty-four funded projects are in Florida.

There was discussion regarding the backlog of colonoscopy following abnormal FIT tests; the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable is currently looking at this.

CCRAB will continue working with stakeholders on the statewide priority campaign/efforts focused on resumption of cancer screenings.

Palliative Care & Hospice Presentation

Ms. Susan Ponder-Stansel and Mr. Paul Ledford delivered a presentation on Florida's Palliative Care Coalition. The Coalition's goals are aligned with the Objectives under the 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. CCRAB will work with the Coalition and other stakeholders on this goal.

Biomedical Research Advisory Council (BRAC) Update

Dr. Danny Armstrong gave an update on the state's cancer research programs. The quality of research proposals being submitted remains high, and we are still falling short on the ability to fund all of the meritorious grant applications. There was discussion regarding the political climate and state budget forecasts. The Council has identified increased investment by the State of Florida to close the merit gap as a top priority. There was discussion regarding possible future grant opportunities that could help implementation activities locally. Dr. Erin Kobetz highlighted the commitment of the academic cancer centers and their offices of community outreach, engagement, and equity; the alignment of their priorities and what the Florida Cancer Plan seeks to accomplish is critical for making progress and attaining equity.

Florida Consortium of National Cancer Institute Centers Program Report

Dr. Cogle reviewed CCRAB's statutory role in receiving the three-year Florida Consortium of National Cancer Institute Centers Program Report from the DOH. Any substantial comments from Council Members will be sent to the DOH. There was discussion regarding cancer types selected and statutory requirements for the report. The Council did not provide any formal recommendations for edits to the report.

State Cancer Plan Implementation Discussion

Dr. Cogle began the discussion of State Cancer Plan implementation. Specific items covered were: Collaboration, Data, Cervical Cancer, Colorectal Cancer, Palliative Care and Hospice Care, and NCI Cancer Centers.

Dr. Gwede noted that there is a great opportunity for the elimination of HCV. CCRAB can work with academic cancer centers' experts to help develop a virtual presentation regarding HCV awareness if any of the RCCCs or other stakeholder groups are interested in prioritizing this Cancer Plan goal.

CCRAB Leadership Elections

Dr. Cogle explained the process for selecting new CCRAB Leadership and introduced the nominees for Chair and Vice Chair. Dr. Gwede, nominee for the Chair position, made brief remarks regarding his interest in the role, his qualification, and vision for CCRAB. Dr. Kobetz, nominee for the Vice Chair position, made brief remarks regarding her interest in the role, her qualification, and vision for CCRAB. There was no opposition to election of Drs. Gwede and Kobetz as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively. Council Members thanked Dr. Cogle for his dedication and leadership as CCRAB Chair for the previous four years.

Public Comment

Dr. Cogle invited any members of the public to make comments.

Next CCRAB Meeting

Dr. Cogle stated that the next CCRAB meeting will be in May, 2021. Dr. McKee will follow-up with Council members for availability.

Adjourn

Dr. Cogle thanked everyone for participating. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM on October 23, 2020.