

FLORIDA CANCER CONTROL AND RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Friday, June 6, 2024, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Council Members in Attendance

- Autumn Citta, ARNP - Governor's Appointee
- Christopher Cogle, MD - Senate President's Appointee
- Clement Gwede, PhD, MPH, RN - Moffitt Cancer Center (Chair)
- Paul Hull, PhD - American Cancer Society
- Erin Kobetz, PhD - Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center University of Miami (Vice Chair)
- Joseph Ladapo, MD, PhD - Florida's Surgeon General, Florida Department of Health
- Jessica MacIntyre, DNP, MBA, APRN, AOCNP - Florida Nurses Association
- Merritt Martin - House Speaker's Appointee
- Nitesh Paryani, MD - Florida Medical Association
- Alfredo Quinones-Hinojosa, MD - Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville
- Luis Raez, MD - Florida Hospital Association
- Ramzi Salloum, PhD - University of Florida Health Cancer Center

Council Members Not in Attendance

- Senator Colleen Burton - Senate President's Appointee
- Representative Linda Chaney - House Speaker's Appointee
- Mike Diaz, MD - Association of Community Cancer Centers
- Mitchell Peabody, DO - Florida Osteopathic Medical Association

Others

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| • Tiffany Albury | • Tracey Gregory | • Leah Mitchem |
| • Leanne Alexander | • Susan Harbin | • Bridgette Morton |
| • Daniel Armstrong | • Sydney Harper | • Brooke Murray |
| • Kimberlee Baugh | • Tonia Harris | • Julie Newberry |
| • Jessica Beckstrand | • Monique Hernandez | • Deandrea Newsome |
| • Tarik Benidir | • Taylor Humphries | • Sandy Noel |
| • Seth Berkowitz | • Caitlin Kennedy | • Vickie Perez-Marrero |
| • Caio Buschinelli | • Jennifer Kue | • Lindsey Redding |
| • Laura Corbin | • Heather Lake-Burger | • Ma Rk |
| • Gabriela Cruz | • Paul Ledford | • Emma Spencer |
| • Nicole de Lara | • David Lee | • Chris Sugg |
| • Puente | • Valerie Lee | • Lynn Vinson |
| • Mackenson | • Gary Levin | • Jamie Wilson |
| • Desamours | • Peyton Lurk | • Kathy Woodward |
| • Jeff Feller | • Justice Mbizo | |
| • Leah Fine | • Bobbie McKee | |
| • William Fredericks | • Lara Medley Prewitt | |

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.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Gwede presented the minutes from December 6, 2024. Dr. Paul Hull made a motion to accept the minutes. Merritt Martin seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The Council concurred with no objections.

Highlights of Florida's Cancer Burden

Dr. Gwede discussed Florida's cancer burden and focus areas of the 2020-2025 Florida Cancer Plan, including differences in diagnoses of late-stage cancers and early detection, data regarding early detection for colorectal cancer screening, and efforts to ensure collection of comprehensive and high-quality cancer-related data. He reviewed mortality differences by county, and the long-term vision of reducing cancer burden for all Floridians. There was discussion regarding challenges in both rural and urban areas. The Council will continue to work collaboratively with partners across the state to highlight opportunities and identify gaps.

Statewide Colorectal Cancer Screening and Prevention Initiative 2022-2023

Dr. Chris Cogle discussed colorectal cancer screening in Florida, with a focus on screening rates within Federally Qualified Health Centers, shared screening models, and available modalities for Florida Medicaid enrollees. He also addressed the overall screening rates across the state, identified care gaps, and outlined a long-term vision for cancer prevention in Florida, offering key lessons for improving public health outcomes.

Department of Health Updates

The Florida Department of Health team provided updates on state Cancer Prevention and Control Program, which includes The Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, the Comprehensive Cancer Control Program and the Colorectal Cancer Control Program, all of which work with the Florida cancer data registry to improve cancer outcomes in the state. Additional updates were provided regarding the 2024 Florida Adult Tobacco Survey and the Florida Cancer Innovation Fund.

State Legislative Update & Discussion

Susan Harbin, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN), gave an update of the 2025 Florida legislative session. She highlighted several key items, including SB 158, which would require state health plans to cover supplemental breast exams, and a proposal to exempt heated tobacco products from taxation. On the budget front, the House and Senate reached early agreement on maintaining level funding for the Casey DeSantis Cancer Research Program and the Cancer Innovation Fund. One item still under negotiation is the Mary Brogan Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, which continues to be a priority.

Biomedical Research Advisory Council (BRAC) Update

Dr. Danny Armstrong gave an update on the state's cancer research programs, including the James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program (JEK), Bankhead Coley Cancer Research Program (BC), Live Like Bella Pediatric Cancer Research Initiative (LLB), Rare Pediatric Disease Research Initiative, the Casey DeSantis Cancer Innovation Fund, and the Cancer Centers of Excellence Program.

State Cancer Data Workgroup Updates

Dr. David Lee provided an update on workgroup efforts to address cancer data goals and objectives in the current Florida Cancer Plan. The groups focus on data access and utilization, collection of cancer screening data, social determinants of health, and cancer biology data. Key initiatives include launching a pilot oncology data specialist support program, integrating cancer screening data with registry data through a partnership with Tobacco Free Florida, incorporating social determinant indicators into the registry, and working towards identifying cancer recurrence. Funding remains a challenge, particularly for the cancer biology data collection efforts. The group is exploring funding options, including potentially applying for Florida Innovation grants, to fully implement their plans.

Presentation: Lung Cancer and Incidental Pulmonary Nodules

Dr. Luis Raez and Leah Fine presented the potential to leverage incidental pulmonary nodules (IPNs) for early lung cancer detection. This approach utilizes existing imaging procedures and could benefit patients who would not qualify for screening under current guidelines. Council will continue to monitor. AI tools can help identify suspicious nodules. There was discussion regarding the benefits and challenges of implementing IPN programs.

State Cancer Plan Implementation – Regional Cancer Control Collaborative Updates

Dr. Erin Kobetz recapped the purpose of the community implementation grant initiative, a joint effort by the offices of community outreach and engagement at Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, Moffitt Cancer Center, UF Health Cancer Center and Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, which provides up to \$16,500 to work on projects that reflect local need and evidence-based work. Laura Corbin introduced the Regional Cancer Control Collaborative Coordinators to provide updates on the projects they are working on through this funding mechanism as well as funding through the DOH and Tobacco Free Florida. Coordinators from each of the six regions presented on the work their Collaboratives are doing.

Florida Cancer Plan 2030 Planning and Discussion

Drs. Gwede and Kobetz discussed planning for the 2026-2030 Florida Cancer Plan. A draft timeline was shared. Consultant assistance for planning has been secured. Four subgroups have been established, focusing on: 1) collaboration, data, and research; 2) prevention/risk reduction; 3) screening/early detection; and 4) diagnosis and treatment, survivorship/quality of life, and childhood cancers. Subgroups began meeting to review state cancer plans and develop strategies. All interested stakeholders are welcome to participate.

CCRAB Leadership

Council will select a new Chair and Vice Chair at the Fall meeting. Dr. Bobbie McKee will send a communication regarding the process for nominations prior to the next meeting.

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 Fall of 2025. Dr. Bobbie McKee will follow-up with Council members with additional information.

Adjourn

Dr. Gwede thanked everyone for participating. The meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM on June 6, 2024.