



**Florida Cancer Control
& Research Advisory Council**

General Membership Meeting

Thursday, April 23, 2026

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM



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& Research Advisory Council**

Mission Statement

The Florida Cancer Control and Research Advisory Council was established by the Florida Legislature in 1979, under Florida Statute 1004.435, with the purpose of advising the Legislature, Governor, and Surgeon General on ways to reduce Florida's cancer burden.



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(January 2026)



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BYLAWS OF THE FLORIDA CANCER CONTROL AND RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL

ARTICLE I: AUTHORITY, TITLE, AND DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 **AUTHORITY:** The Cancer Control and Research Act (Section. 1004.435, Florida Statutes) establishes the Florida Cancer Control and Research Advisory Council (referred to as “the Council”).
- 1.2 **TITLE:** These bylaws may be known and cited as the bylaws of the Florida Cancer Control and Research Advisory Council.
- 1.3 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** Employee designated by Moffitt Cancer Center to administer the Council.

ARTICLE II: LOCATION AND STAFF

- 2.1 **LOCATION:** The Council office shall be located at the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute.
- 2.2 **STAFF:** The H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute shall provide staff support and other assistance as reasonably necessary for the completion of the responsibilities of the Council. An Executive Director will be assigned to facilitate coordinated functions and assist in carry out of the duties of the Council.

ARTICLE III: MISSION AND PROCEDURES

- 3.1 **MISSION:** In an effort to reduce morbidity and mortality associated with cancer in Florida through prevention, early detection, and state-of-the-art therapy, the mission of the Council is:
 - a. To advise the Governor, the Legislature, and state agencies on cancer control programs, policies, priorities and initiatives,
 - b. To approve a state cancer plan, and coordinate with the Biomedical Research Advisory Council on a state cancer research plan
 - c. The Council will meet in person bi annually.
- 3.2 **PROCEDURES**
 - 3.2.1 *Advisory Capacity:* Issues may be brought to the Council by any member or other interested person by notifying the Chairperson or the Executive Director. Recommendations shall be made in writing to the Governor, Legislators, the Secretary of Health, or other appropriate individuals or agencies.

ARTICLE IV: COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL

- 4.1 COMPOSITION: Membership criteria, agencies represented, and requirements for minority representation are as specified in Section 1004.435, F.S (4)(a), Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE V: NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT PROCESS

5.1 APPOINTMENT PROCESS

5.1.1 New Appointments

- 5.1.1.1 Organizations, the Governor’s Office, the Speaker of the House’s Office, and the Florida Senate President’s Office shall provide the Executive Director the name of the member they wish to appoint.

5.1.2 Reappointments

- 5.1.2.1 At the end of a member's term, the represented organization shall notify the Executive Director if they wish to reappoint their current member or appoint a new one.

ARTICLE VI: MEMBERSHIP RULES

- 6.1 TERMS OF SERVICE: Organizations appoint members for a term of four years, and can be re-appointed for an unlimited number of terms.
- 6.2 RESIGNATION: A member wishing to resign before the end of his/her term shall submit a letter of resignation to the Executive Director. Organizations must immediately appoint a new member.
- 6.3 CONFLICT OF INTEREST: No member of the Council shall participate in any discussion or decision to recommend grants or contracts to any qualified nonprofit association or to any agency of this state or its political subdivisions with which the member is associated as a member of the governing body or as an employee or with which the member has entered into a contractual arrangement.
- 6.4 REMUNERATION: Council members will serve without pay per Section 1004.435, F.S. (4)(e).

ARTICLE VII: OFFICERS

- 7.1 CHAIRPERSON: A chairperson shall be selected by the majority of the Council for a term of 2 years. The chairperson shall appoint an executive committee of no fewer than three members to serve at the pleasure of the chairperson. This committee will prepare material for the council but make no final decisions.

The Chairperson, or his/her proxy, will liaison with other state councils and advisory boards as needed to fulfill the duties of the Council. The Chairperson may request participation by content experts or other state council/advisory members to fulfill the duties of the Council. These consultants will have no voting capacity and must adhere to the Council Conflict of Interest policy.

- 7.2 VICE CHAIRPERSON: A vice chairperson shall be selected by the majority of the Council for a term of 2 years.

ARTICLE VIII: DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL

- 8.1 DUTIES: The duties of the Council are outlined in F.S. 1004.435 (4)(g-m), Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE IX: MEETINGS

- 9.1 REGULAR MEETINGS: The Council shall meet at least twice a year. Notification of such meetings shall be at least thirty days prior to the meeting date, and shall be published in the Florida Administrative Weekly.
- 9.2 SPECIAL MEETINGS: Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson at his/her discretion upon the written request of four members of the Council. Notification of such meetings shall be at least fifteen days in advance of the meeting date.
- 9.3 QUORUM: Nine members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of exercising the powers of the Council. A vote of the majority of the members present is sufficient for all actions of the Council.
- 9.4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: The Chairperson shall appoint an executive committee of no fewer than three persons to serve at the pleasure of the chairperson. This committee will prepare material for the council but make no final decisions. Meetings of executive committee members shall be noticed 10 days prior to the meeting.

- 9.5 **SUBSTITUTES:** If a member cannot attend a meeting, s/he may send a substitute, who is authorized to vote. The member must notify the Executive Director in writing prior to the meeting if a substitute will be attending and who the substitute will be.
- 9.6 **ABSENCES:** Members shall inform the Executive Director if they are unable to attend a scheduled meeting. In the event of two consecutive absences without just cause or prior notification, even if a substitute is provided, a member may be asked by the Chairperson to submit a letter of resignation. The sponsoring organization will be notified and asked to nominate another representative.
- 9.7 **RULES OF ORDER:** The rules contained in the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the Council in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are consistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Council shall adopt.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

- 10.1 **PROCEDURE:** The Council may prescribe, amend, and repeal bylaws governing the manner in which the business of the Council is conducted. The bylaws can be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Council provided that the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing to all members at least fifteen days in advance of the next regular or special meeting, and that a quorum is present.

ARTICLE XI: INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

- 11.1 To the fullest extent permitted by law, and to the extent not covered by insurance, the Corporation shall indemnify, hold harmless, and pay on behalf of its Directors and officers, including former Directors and officers, for any and all claims and liabilities which any such Director may incur as a result of serving or having served as a Director or officer, or by reason of any action, incident, error, or omission committed as a Director or officer. In addition, the Corporation shall reimburse such Director or officer for reasonable attorneys' and legal assistants' fees and costs incurred in connection with any such claim or liability. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Corporation shall not indemnify any Director or officer for any expenses incurred in relation to any claim or liability arising out of that Director's or officer's own willful misconduct, bad faith, gross negligence, conscious disregard for the best interests of the Corporation, recklessness, violation of criminal law (unless the Director or officer had reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was lawful or had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful), as a result of a final adjudication, or any transaction from which the Director or officer derived an improper personal benefit, either directly or indirectly.



Florida Cancer Control & Research Advisory Council

General Membership Meeting Agenda

Thursday, April 23, 2026

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Meeting Registration Link (for Zoom participation):

https://moffitt.zoom.us/meeting/register/kEo-EnBCQfGBxDor_Y2t8g

Physical Meeting Location: UF Health Cancer Institute, 2033 Mowry Rd, Gainesville, FL 32610

10:00 AM	Log-in & Networking	<i>All Meeting Participants</i>
10:05 AM	Welcome & Introductions	<i>Dr. Erin Kobetz</i>
10:15 AM	Approval of Minutes from December 6, 2024 Meeting	<i>Dr. Erin Kobetz & Council</i>
10:20 AM	Florida Cancer Plan 2026-2030 – Highlights of Opportunities for Action	<i>Dr. Erin Kobetz</i>
10:45 AM	Florida Department of Health Updates	<i>Dr. Joseph Ladapo & FDOH Team</i>
11:05 AM	Biomedical Research Advisory Council (BRAC) Update	<i>Dr. Danny Armstrong</i>
11:25 AM	State Legislative Update & Discussion	<i>Sen Burton, Rep Chaney, ACS CAN</i>
11:45 AM	OneFlorida Presentation	<i>Dr. Betsy Shenkman</i>
12:00 PM	Break (Lunch provided for those in-person)	
12:15 PM	Community Outreach & Engagement	<i>Dr. Ramzi Salloum</i>
12:30 PM	North Central Regional Cancer Control Collaborative Updates & Discussion	<i>North Central Regional Cancer Control Collaborative</i>
1:00 PM	Cancer Plan Implementation – Working Group Updates & Discussion	<i>Drs. Erin Kobetz, Ramzi Salloum & Susan Vadaparampil</i>
1:50 PM	Comments	<i>All Meeting Participants</i>
1:55 PM	Next CCRAB Meeting	<i>Dr. Erin Kobetz</i>
2:00 PM	Adjourn	<i>Dr. Erin Kobetz</i>

**FLORIDA CANCER CONTROL AND RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Friday, November 14, 2025, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

Council Members in Attendance

- Senator Colleen Burton - Senate President's Appointee
- 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 (Laura Corbin)
- Jessica MacIntyre, DNP, MBA, APRN, AOCNP - Florida Nurses Association
- Merritt Martin - House Speaker's Appointee
- 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

- Representative Linda Chaney - House Speaker's Appointee
- Mike Diaz, MD - Association of Community Cancer Centers
- Nitesh Paryani, MD - Florida Medical Association
- Mitchell Peabody, DO - Florida Osteopathic Medical Association

Others

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| • Leanne Alexander | • Jeff Feller | • Justice Mbizo |
| • Daniel Armstrong | • Ian Fitzpatrick | • Bobbie McKee |
| • Kimberlee Baugh | • William Fredericks | • Leah Mitchem |
| • Seth Berkowitz | • Tracey Gregory | • Bridgette Morton |
| • Robert Brooks | • Susan Harbin | • Brooke Murray |
| • Lacoada Burkes | • Monique Hernandez | • Deandrea Newsome |
| • Rachel Carter | • Carissa Hickok | • Vickie Perez-Marrero |
| • Heather Conley | • Janice Krieger | • Noreen Stephenson |
| • Laura Corbin | • Paul Ledford | • Lynn Vinson |
| • Nicole de Lara
Puente | • Valerie Lee | • Jamie Wilson |
| • Mackenson
Desamours | • Gary Levin | • Kathy Woodward |
| • Felisha Dickey | • Ashley Lyerly | |
| | • Samantha
Marticorena | |

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 June 6, 2025. Dr. Paul Hull made a motion to accept the minutes. Dr. Ramzi Salloum seconded the motion. The Council concurred with no objections.

Highlights of Florida's Cancer Burden

Dr. Gwede discussed Florida's cancer burden, including differences in early detection, incidence and mortality. He reviewed geographical variations and opportunities to identify and address through efforts outlined in the Florida Cancer Plan. The updated Cancer Plan aims to better identify metrics for objectives and enhance data collection and reporting to better understand needs and opportunities. Partners at all levels will work on Cancer Plan implementation.

Casey DeSantis Cancer Research Program Annual Report

Dr. Gwede stated that CCRAB had received the Casey DeSantis Cancer Research Program Annual Report, per statutory requirement. No action was needed.

Department of Health Updates

Laura Corbin, delegate for Dr. Joseph Ladapo at this meeting, shared updates from the Florida Department of Health team on the state cancer programs, including the Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, the Comprehensive Cancer Control Program, the Colorectal Cancer Control Program, and Tobacco Free Florida. Infrastructure expansion in Palm Beach County greatly contributed to BCCEDP successes.

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. Dr. Armstrong also shared that the BRAC will be working on their new strategic plan, expected in 2026.

Florida Rural Health Transformation Program & Biomarker Test Coverage Update

Dr. Chris Cogle discussed the grant opportunity through new Rural Health Transformation Program. The Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) will be releasing additional details on this program. Dr. Cogle also shared that new information on coverage for biomarker testing would be reported on in the new year.

Prostate Cancer Advisory Council Update

Dr. Paul Hull shared that the next PCAC meeting will be in December 2026. CCRAB will be invited to present at the meeting.

State Legislative Update & Discussion

Senator Colleen Burton gave an update on timing of the upcoming Florida legislative session and the budget. She is committed to continuing to champion health care issues. We need to be mindful of budget constraints and develop innovative solutions. Susan Harbin, American Cancer Society Cancer

Action Network (ACS CAN), gave an update on priorities for the 2026 Florida legislative session. She highlighted several key items, including biomarker testing coverage, and funding for the Mary Brogan Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, and Florida's cancer control and research programs.

Florida Cancer Plan 2030 Review & Discussion

Dr. Gwede reviewed the process that has been underway to update the Florida Cancer Plan for 2026-2030. A CCRAB member is leading each goal area group as well as the four collective subgroups: 1) collaboration, data, and research (Kobetz); 2) prevention/risk reduction (Salloum); 3) screening/early detection (Gwede); and 4) diagnosis and treatment, survivorship/quality of life, and childhood cancers (Raez). Groups of statewide partners have been meeting for several months to develop goals, objectives and strategies. Drs. Kobetz, Salloum, Gwede and Raez provided updates. Identifying metrics has been a challenge in some areas of the draft plan.

Florida Cancer Plan 2030 Next Steps

Dr. Gwede reviewed the timeline for completing the 2026-2030 Cancer Plan. All interested stakeholders are welcome to continue participating in the process. Information is available on the CCRAB website. participate. There will be a final review period for CCRAB members. Members will be asked to submit approvals electronically. The final 2026-2030 plan is expected to be finalized in early January.

CCRAB Leadership

Dr. Gwede put forth the nominations for Dr. Ramzi Salloum as the new CCRAB Vice Chair and Dr. Erin Kobetz as the new CCRAB Chair. The Council concurred with no objections.

Comments

Dr. Gwede invited any meeting attendees to make comments.

Next CCRAB Meeting

The next CCRAB meeting will be in the Spring of 2026. 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 November 14, 2025.



Cancer remains one of Florida’s most urgent public health challenges.

In 2024, cancer and heart disease continued to be the two leading causes of death statewide, underscoring the need for sustained, data-driven prevention, early detection, treatment, and survivorship strategies.

The Annual Report highlights the latest statewide cancer incidence and mortality trends, geographic disparities, screening challenges, and community-based implementation efforts aligned with the 2026–2030 Florida Cancer Plan. CCRAB remains committed to advancing evidence-based policies and partnerships that reduce cancer burden and improve health for all Floridians.

KEY FINDINGS IN 2026

- **Cancer incidence in Florida continues to decline overall**, mirroring national trends. Recent fluctuations reflect improved outpatient case capture, strengthening the accuracy of Florida’s cancer surveillance system.
- **Cancer mortality has steadily decreased over the past decade**, driven in part by strong tobacco control efforts, improved screening, and advances in treatment such as immuno-oncology therapies.
- **Geographic variabilities persist.** Rural and less populated counties in Northern Florida and the Panhandle experience higher cancer incidence and mortality, emphasizing the need for targeted prevention and access-to-care investments.
- **Late-stage diagnosis remains a major challenge.** Since 2016, approximately 46% of cancers are still diagnosed at advanced stages, with concerning increases in late-stage colorectal and prostate cancer.
- **Screening disruptions from COVID-19 continue to have downstream effects.** Screening uptake remains below pre-pandemic levels, contributing to later-stage diagnoses and avoidable mortality risk.
- **Cervical cancer elimination is achievable.** HPV vaccination rates are improving but remain below the 80% target needed to eliminate cervical cancer as a public health problem.

CCRAB stands ready to support the Florida Legislature, state agencies, health systems, and community partners in implementing these priorities to reduce preventable cancer burden and ensure that every Floridian benefits from timely

CCRAB RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2026

In accordance with its statutory advisory role, CCRAB recommends the following priority actions for Florida in 2026:

- 1 Expand Screening Where Mortality Burden Is Highest**
Scale lung and colorectal cancer screening programs statewide, with emphasis on rural counties.
- 2 Reduce Late-Stage Diagnosis**
Invest in navigation, diagnostic follow-up systems, and health system accountability for timely screening completion.
- 3 Modernize Florida’s Cancer Data Infrastructure**
Strengthen outpatient case capture, molecular reporting, and linkage with Medicaid and HIE systems.
- 4 Accelerate Cervical Cancer Elimination**
Increase HPV vaccination uptake toward 80% through provider prompts, school-based strategies, and community outreach.
- 5 Sustain Tobacco Prevention and Youth Vaping Reduction**
Maintain strong statewide prevention campaigns and strengthen cessation system integration.
- 6 Invest in Regional Implementation Capacity**
Provide recurring support for Cancer Control Regional Collaboratives as Florida’s delivery infrastructure for equity-driven cancer control.
- 7 Protect Florida’s Research and Innovation Pipeline**
Sustain funding for Bankhead Coley and James & Esther King programs to accelerate translation of discoveries into survival gains.

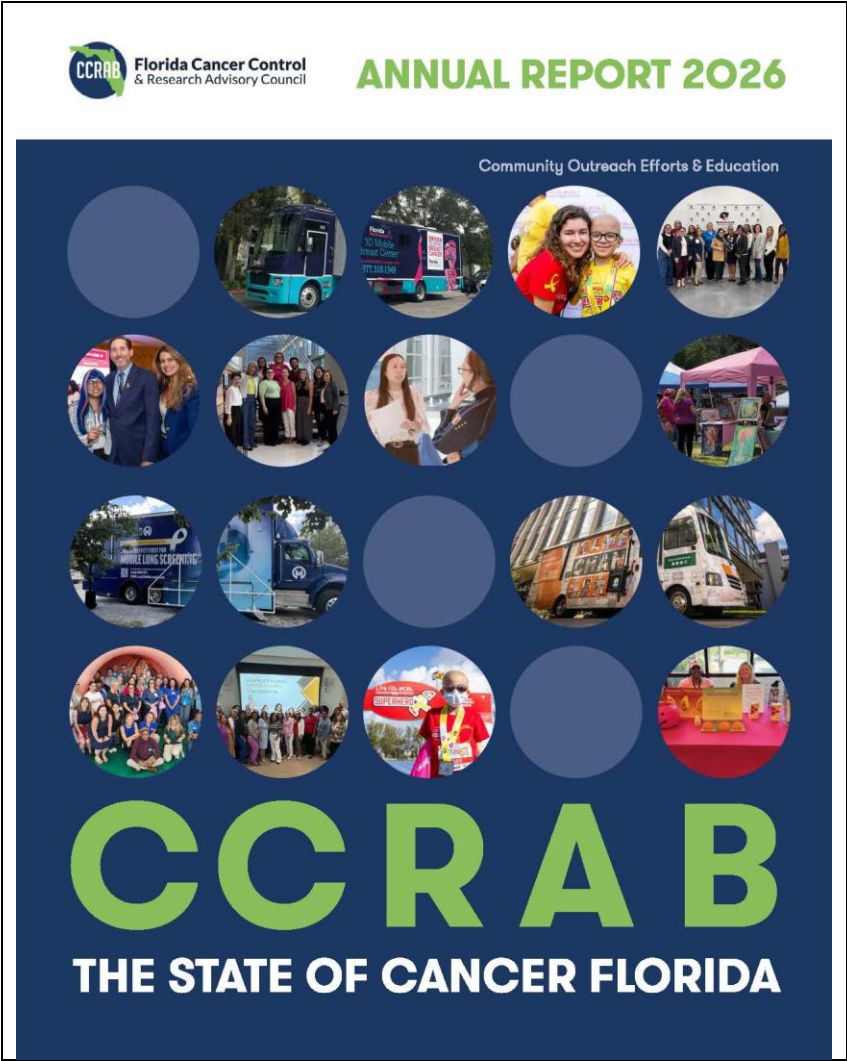
RESOURCES & INTERACTIVE DATA

Comprehensive plan details and the complete framework for Florida’s cancer control priorities can be accessed via the [Florida Cancer Plan 2026–2030](#)

The [CCRAB Data Dashboards](#) extend this framework by offering interactive visualizations to monitor progress and explore cancer-related data at the state, county, and regional collaborative levels, with filters for key demographic characteristics. Data is drawn from authoritative sources, including the U.S. Census, the Florida Cancer Data System (FCDS), and Florida Department of Health surveillance

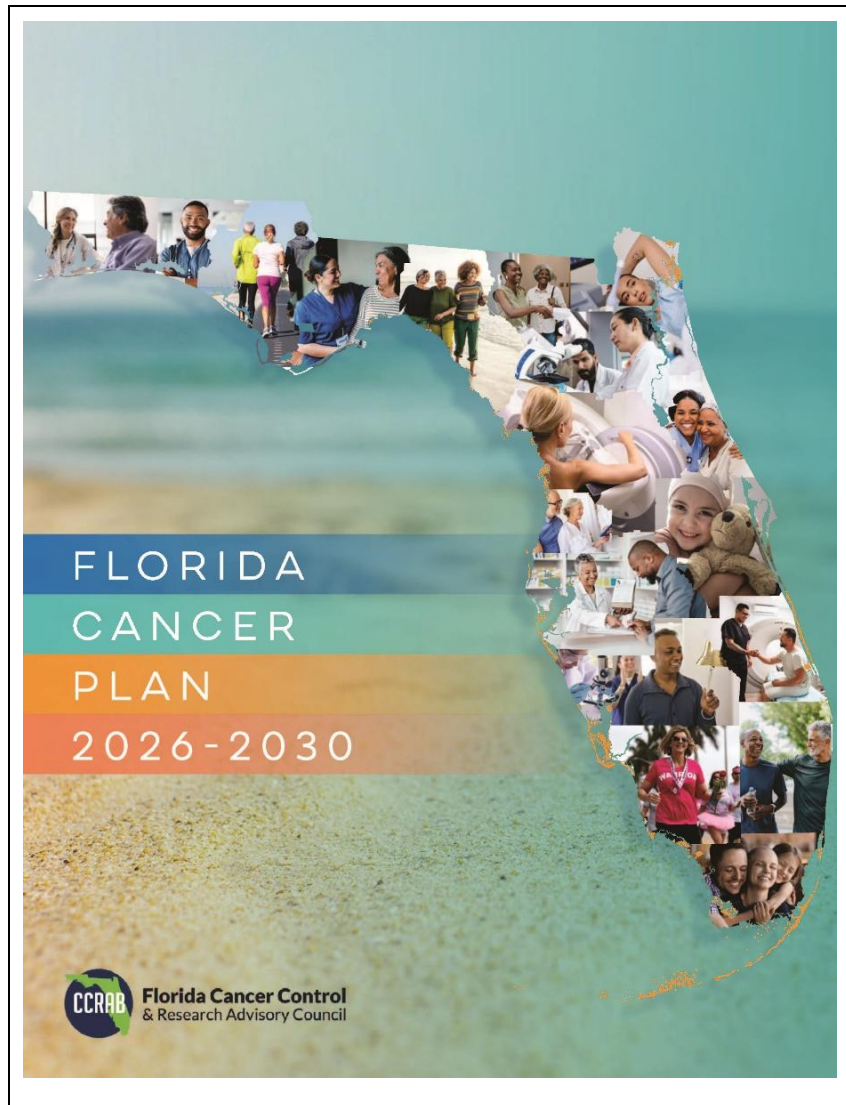
CCRAB Annual Report 2026

Link to download the 2026 Annual Report: <https://www.ccrab.org/annual-reports>



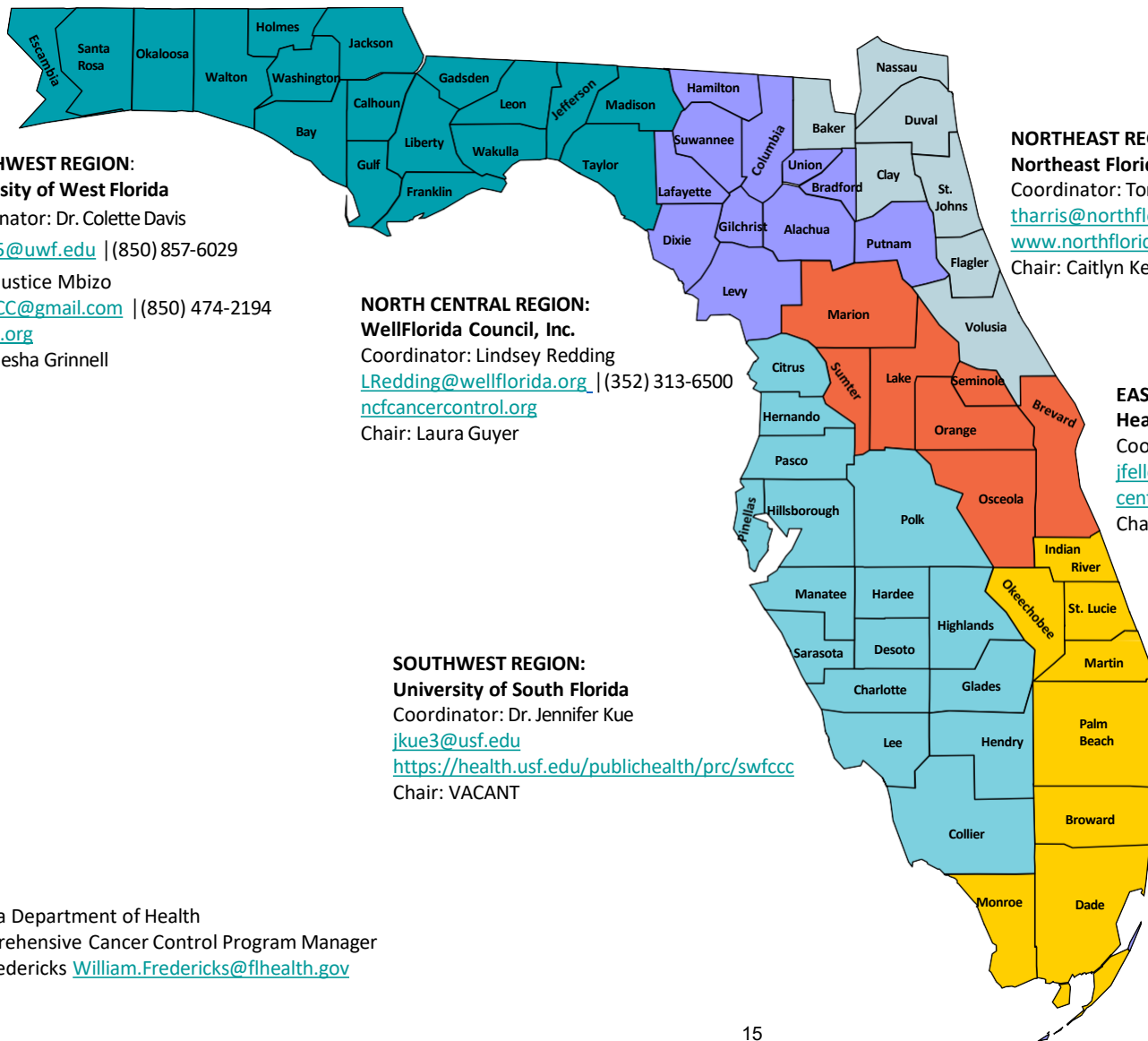
Florida Cancer Plan 2026-2030

Link to download the Cancer Plan: <https://www.ccrab.org/cancer-plan>



Florida Regional Cancer Control Collaboratives:

Reducing the Cancer Burden through Collaboration



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