



Maryland State Council on Cancer Control
February 23, 2016

Meeting Summary

Members in Attendance

Kathleen Connors-Juras
Diane Couchman
Kevin Cullen
Mary Garza
Donna Gugel
Roger Harrell
Christine Marino
Jed Miller
Artie Shelton
Yale Stenzler
Kala Visvanathan
Stanley Watkins
Brock Yetso

Members Absent

Stephanie Cooper-Greenberg
Catherine Fenwick
Kim Herman
Kevin Kelly
Joan Mischtschuk
Senator Anthony Muse
William Nelson
Jay Perman
Paul Rothman
Delegate Sheree Sample-Hughes

Staff and Guests in Attendance

Sarah Conolly Hokenmaier
Nanyamka Hales
Courtney Lewis
Elizabeth Platz
Meredith Truss

Welcome and Review of Minutes

The Council approved minutes from the September 25, 2015 meeting.

Membership Update

There are currently two seats available on the Council. There is a need for representation from Western Maryland. Dr. Cullen offered two potential candidates during the call; Council members who have contacts in Western Maryland who may be appropriate should e-mail those to Nanyamka Hales or to Dr. Watkins. The Governor is ultimately responsible for approving proposed candidates and appointing members to the Council.

Center for Cancer Prevention and Control (CCPC) HPV Update

Courtney Lewis discussed DHMH activities to increase the HPV vaccine coverage rate in Maryland, which focus on parent and provider interventions to address barriers. The AHEC Maryland: Human Papillomavirus Cancer & Prevention Profile was reviewed, as well as the NCI-designated Cancer Centers statement on HPV vaccination (see handouts).

The CCPC participates on a DHMH HPV Task Force, which is involved in several initiatives including:

- Developing a report card showing HPV vaccine ordering trends for Vaccines for Children (VFC) providers;
- Requiring reporting to the statewide immunization registry for VFC providers;
- Including Medicaid HPV HEDIS data in the HealthChoice Evaluation report to be published in 2016; and
- Conducting a ‘Back to School’ campaign encouraging HPV vaccination at the same time as other vaccines required for 7th grade entry. The campaign includes implementing media strategies (TV, transit ads), as well as sending letters and resources to providers encouraging them to recommend the vaccine to patients at the recommended age. Council members will be provided with these resources that can be shared with providers and partners.

Maryland Cancer Collaborative and Cancer Plan Update

Meredith Truss updated the Council on activities of the Maryland Cancer Collaborative (see handout). The 2016-2020 Maryland Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan content has been approved by DHMH leadership and is currently being formatted by a graphic designer. DHMH anticipates that the Cancer Plan will be released in April 2016.

The MCC will hold its annual meeting in April or May 2016 to correspond with the release of the updated Cancer Plan, and during this meeting the MCC will select new priorities for implementation. The meeting presents an opportunity for anyone who is interested to join the MCC and volunteer to help implement the Cancer Plan.

Council members discussed the MCC Tobacco Workgroup’s survey on Maryland college campus tobacco policies. The workgroup is finalizing a report of survey findings as well as a summary of best practices in the implementation of tobacco-free campus policies, and will post these to a website and share with the Council in the coming months.

The Council discussed the availability of data on high school tobacco rates. The 2013 Maryland Youth Risk Behavior Survey (<http://phpa.dhmh.maryland.gov/ccdpc/Reports/Documents/2013%20YRBS%20Reports/2013-YRBS-Report.pdf>) and the Biennial Tobacco Study (<http://phpa.dhmh.maryland.gov/ohpetup/Documents/HG%2013-1004%20-%20PHPA%20-%20Biennial%20Tobacco%20Study%20.pdf>) provide data on youth tobacco use.

Cancer Conference Updates

Nanyamka Hales reviewed evaluation results from the 2015 Cancer Conference (see handout). In reviewing suggestions for future conferences, Council members discussed the importance of presentations on how hospitals improve cancer care, both for their cancer patients and for the population in their catchment areas.

The 2016 Cancer Conference will be held at Anne Arundel Medical Center (AAMC) on November 15, 2016. AAMC has, once again, generously donated conference space for the Council’s use. Nanyamka Hales presented an agenda proposal on behalf of the Maryland Cancer Collaborative Steering Committee (see handout). The MCC Steering Committee proposes

combining the 2016 Cancer Conference with the MCC Annual Meeting. Reasons for this proposal include:

- Presenting an opportunity for conference attendees to join the MCC to help implement the Cancer Plan;
- Minimizing the travel burden on conference attendees (many of whom also attend the MCC annual meeting) by combining meetings;
- Providing a networking opportunity for conference attendees during the MCC meeting;
- Reducing the number of conference presenters (which has been a recurring suggestion in cancer conference evaluations).

Council members agreed to try the proposed agenda for the 2016 conference, and discussed logistics of combining the conference with the MCC meeting. There was a suggestion to have a panel of county health departments or other programs/organizations discuss how they have successfully implemented the Cancer Plan to provide examples and inspiration to attendees. This could be tied in with the MCC Cancer Plan Implementation Awards presentation during the MCC portion of the agenda, and would replace the conference best practices panel. There was also a suggestion to have a more interactive lunch, possibly including a speaker during the second half of the lunch period.

Maryland Cancer Registry Advisory Committee Update

Kala Visvanathan updated the Council on the activities of the Maryland Cancer Registry Advisory Committee. Updates include:

- In November 2015, MCR completed its yearly data submission to both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Program of Cancer Registries and the North American Association of Cancer Registries. The MCR is currently finalizing the 2013 data for release.
- The MCR is currently working with the DHMH Meaningful Use Group to register eligible providers.
- The MCR is finalizing plans to outreach to Maryland oncologist and hematologist membership associations to communicate Maryland Cancer Registry reporting requirements.
- The MCR continues to produce issues of their E-update to share information with MCR reporters.

Legislative Session Discussion

Dr. Watkins updated the Council that the Legislative Subcommittee volunteers include Kala Visvanathan, Stephanie Cooper Greenberg, and Kevin Cullen.

The Council discussed the FDA proposed rule that would restrict sunlamp product use to adults age 18 and older (see handouts). The FDA is accepting public comments through March 21, 2016. The Council agreed that it should submit a comment in support of the FDA proposed rule, as it has supported statewide legislative efforts to prohibit minors' access to indoor tanning in the past.

Future Meetings

The next Council meeting will be held on May 13, 2016 at Anne Arundel Medical Center from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Future 2016 Council meeting dates were provided to the Council (see handout).