

# Maryland State Council on Cancer Control

May 13, 2016

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

## SUMMARY

### Members in Attendance

Stephanie Cooper-Greenberg  
Kathleen Connors-Juras  
Catherine Fenwick  
Mary Garza  
Donna Gugel  
Christine Marino  
Jed Miller  
Joan Mischtschuk  
Delegate Sheree Sample-Hughes  
Artie Shelton  
Stanley Watkins  
Brock Yetso

### Members Absent

Diane Couchman  
Kevin Cullen  
Roger Harrell  
Kim Herman  
Kevin Kelly (Designee of Jay Perman)  
Senator Anthony Muse  
William Nelson  
Paul Rothman  
Yale Stenzler  
Kala Visvanathan

### Staff and Guests in Attendance

Anne Carlin  
Sarah Conolly Hokenmaier  
Courtney Lewis  
Elizabeth Platz  
Jody Sheely  
Meredith Truss

### Welcome and Review of Minutes

The Council approved minutes from the February 23, 2016 meeting.

### Membership Update

There are currently two vacant seats available on the Council. There are also four members with terms ending on June 30, 2016. Suggestions for members are welcome, particularly candidates from Western and Eastern Maryland. The Governor is ultimately responsible for approving proposed candidates and appointing members to the Council.

### Legislative Update

Jody Sheely and Anne Carlin of the DHMH Prevention and Health Promotion Administration Office of Policy and Planning presented an update on the 2016 Maryland General Assembly Legislative Session; see attached slides. Highlights from the presentation and discussion include:

- If the Council wishes to submit a position on a proposed bill, it is advised that those positions be drafted in advance of the session as the turn-around time for submitting a position once a bill is introduced can be very short. The Maryland General Assembly website includes hearings from past years on bills that may be of interest to the Council, which may assist in drafting positions.
- Montgomery County legislation passed this year that directs a portion of tobacco retailer violation fees toward enforcement of tobacco regulations. Council members discussed the possibility of sharing with other local jurisdictions as a best practice.

- Legislation passed establishing an annual healthcare decisions day. The Council may be interested in partnering with the State Advisory Council on Quality Care at the End of Life in the promotion of advance directives for cancer patients.
- Council Member Delegate Sample Hughes informed the Council of HB 1006, which would have required insurers to provide coverage for 3-dimensional mammograms that is comparable to coverage of 2-dimensional mammograms. The bill will be pre-filed again before the 2017 session, and the Council agreed that it would be an appropriate bill to support.
- The Council discussed the status of implementation of medical cannabis legislation.
- The Council discussed the issue of self-referral for radiologic services among integrated oncology practices and determined that it will not take a position on this legislation if it is introduced in the future.
- There was discussion of legislation that would have required HPV vaccination for school children. Since HPV vaccine is not currently mandated, the Council should continue to advise providers to utilize AAP, CDC, and other guidance on effective ways to present the HPV vaccine to parents of adolescents who are vaccine-eligible.
- Council member Kathleen Connors-Juras, of the American Cancer Society, noted that she would follow up with the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) for a summary of the legislative session. The summary was since provided by ACS CAN and is attached.

Following the presentation, the Council discussed several FDA regulations including its proposed rule that would ban indoor tanning for minors (for which the Council provided comments in support of the rule), and its recent announcement that it will regulate all tobacco products including e-cigarettes, cigars, and future tobacco products effective August 8, 2016.

### **Maryland Cancer Registry Advisory Committee Update**

Courtney Lewis updated the Council on activities of the Maryland Cancer Registry.

- **Meaningful Use (MU) Stage 2 Update:** The MCR is involved in facilitating MU reporting for eligible providers (EPs) that provide care to cancer patients to enable simultaneously entering electronic health records (EHR) into the MCR database. Currently, 127 Maryland-based EPs have registered for MU in order to receive incentives for using certified EHRs and 3 EPs have passed requisite testing and have begun to electronically submit EHRs.
- **MCR Improves Communication with Delinquent Facilities:** In January 2015, Westat developed an Access database to monitor cancer data submission by reporting facilities, and a year later, it has improved case reporting from facilities that report below the expected rate.

### **Maryland Cancer Collaborative**

Joan Mischtschuk updated the Council on activities of the Maryland Cancer Collaborative (MCC); see handout. It was noted that the 2016-2020 Maryland Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan is in the final stages of being formatted by a graphic designer. The Cancer Plan should be released in or around June 2016. Joan reminded Council members to report work that they or their institutions are doing that supports the Cancer Plan, and to promote the new Cancer Plan once it is released within communities and organizations.

Elizabeth Platz discussed the MCC's initiative to recruit organizational members. Prior to 2015, MCC members were all individual members who volunteered as individuals and were not designated to speak on behalf of their organizations. In 2015 the MCC established a membership category so that organizations could join and designate a representative to participate and attend workgroup meetings, with authority to speak on behalf of the organization. Council members are encouraged to speak with leaders within their organizations about the MCC and request that

they become organizational members (currently The Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults and American Cancer Society are organizational members that are also represented on the Council). An Organization Member Agreement Form was distributed at the meeting; see handout.

### **Cancer Conference Updates**

The 2016 Cancer Conference will be held on November 15, 2016 at Anne Arundel Medical Center (AAMC). The Council discussed several possible presentation topics and ultimately focused on two main topic areas:

- Overview of and/or plans for implementation of the Cancer Moonshot, specifically within cancer centers in Maryland.
- Primary Prevention:
  - Feasible, evidence-based strategies that can be adapted in primary care settings
  - American Cancer Society CPS-3 update on findings thus far from Maryland participants
  - Examples of how community leaders (possibly a panel) promote cancer prevention within their settings, workplaces, communities, constituents, etc. Leaders could include local politicians, Maryland-based business leaders, faith-based institution leaders, etc.

The Council also discussed sponsorship needs for the conference. AAMC will provide space and parking, and DHMH will provide staff support. Additional sponsorships in the amount of approximately \$15,000 are needed for food, A/V equipment and support, and materials. Sarah Conolly Hokenmaier will send sponsorship letters and details to the Council via e-mail.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held September 23, 2016 at AAMC, from 9:30-11:30 a.m.