Maryland State Council on Cancer Control  
May 5, 2017  
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
Doordan Institute  
Anne Arundel Medical Center

SUMMARY

Members in Attendance
Stanley Watkins  
Sheree Sample-Hughes  
Mary Garza  
Brock Yetso  
Roger Harrell  
Catherine Fenwick  
Yale Stenzler

Members Absent
Jay Perman  
Paul Rothman  
Kathleen Connors-Juras  
Joan Mischtschuk  
Anthony Muse  
Donna Gugel  
Mark Mank  
Kevin Cullen

Staff and Guests in Attendance
Steve Friedman  
Brian Mattingly  
Thuy Nguyen  
Annie Olle

William Nelson  
Diane Couchman  
Artie Shelton  
Stephanie Cooper Greenberg  
Kayla Visvanathan

1. Welcome and Review of Minutes
The Council reviewed the minutes from January 20, 2017 meeting. Given that we did not have a majority of council members in attendance, the minutes could not be accepted by a quorum.

2. Membership Update
Currently, there are 6 Council seats that are vacant, and 3 council members with terms ending on June 30, 2017, this includes the Council Chair, Dr. Stanley Watkins. Membership cannot be renewed, however, members can stay on until they are replaced. Suggestions for news members are welcome; however, there are no guarantees on appointments being approved by the Governor. Contact Brian Mattingly, if Council members have any suggestions.

The Council spoke about recruiting a member from Western Maryland in order to have a representation of different regions in Maryland. The Council also spoke about having a teleconference line with the in-person meeting to accommodate those who cannot travel due to distance or schedule. This capability will be explored further.

3. Maryland Cancer Registry Advisory Committee Update
Kayla Visvanathan could not attend the meeting, and Brian Mattingly provided updates to the Council on her behalf.

1. National Program Cancer Registries (NPCR) and North America Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACCR) data submission update: 
In November, 2016, the MCR submitted data for certification by NPCR and NAACCR. NCRA has indicated that MCR data will be included in the US Cancer Statistics Standard and the National Data Standards for 24 month data.
NAACCR’s preliminary report indicates that the MCR data will probably make “Gold” standard.

2. Funding Opportunity Announcement:
The MCR has completed its portion of the FOA 5 year funding application. It was noted that Maryland was included in an incorrect or smaller “band”. This was brought to the attention of the CDC, will be corrected, and should translate into receiving additional funding.

3. COMAR change:
COMAR has been updated from ICD-9 to ICD-10. The MCR will update its website to reflect the change.

4. MCR E-Update
The MCR continues to produce issues of the E-Update. The electronic update is a communications tool used to share information with MCR reporters on: upcoming NAACCR webinars, trainings, updates from the Maryland Tumor Registrars Association, and any other new information vital to reporters.

The E-Update will not be published in June, but will return in September with a different format. The update will be shortened and links will be provided for important information.

4. Maryland Cancer Collaborative (MCC)
Brian Mattingly provided updates to Council Members on the MCC.

1. MCC General Update
   As of May 5, 2017, the MCC has 232 members with 14 Steering Committee members and a Steering Committee Chair, Elizabeth Platz, who is a professor and Deputy Chair of the Department of Epidemiology at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. The MCC has a Facebook page that is being updated on a regular basis. Currently, it has 228 likes.

   The MCC workgroups (Communications, Access to Care and Resource, Tobacco Cessation, HPV Vaccination, and Hospice Utilization Date workgroup) had met at least twice as of May 5, 2017. Each workgroup is progressing in the right direction with each in the process of or completed developing a work plan.

   The MCC continues to recruiting new individual and organizational members, support its workgroup activities, provide resources and information through the monthly e-update newsletter and regular email communication, and maintain its Facebook page. In the upcoming months, the MCC will administer an annual member satisfaction survey to MCC members, call on members to submit their Cancer Plan implementation projects, and hold an annual meeting.

2. MCC Organizational Membership
Currently, the MCC has 9 organizational members (American Cancer Society, Primary Care Coalition, Hope Connections for Cancer Support, The Journey Continues, Inc., Sheppard Pratt Health System, Doctors Community Hospital, Suburban Hospital, Susan G. Komen Maryland, and Prostate Health Education Network, Inc.)

Brian Mattingly asked Council Members for suggestions on how to improve or increase the number of organizational members. The suggestion was made to ask current MCC individual members if they could be organizational members. Given the role and position
of some members, they may be able to serve as organizational members. The Council agreed this was a good first approach to increasing organizational membership.

5. **2017 Cancer Conference Planning**

The 24th Annual State Cancer Conference will be held on November 15, 2017 at Anne Arundel Medical Center. Please save the date.

The Council discussed agenda items and speakers for the 24TH Annual State Council on Cancer Control Cancer Conference. The Council reviewed past cancer conferences’ agenda and evaluation.

Possible topics for the cancer conference included:

- The repeal of the ACA and replacement with the currently proposed Health Care Bill. How it is going to affect Maryland and what gaps do we need to address; perhaps, divide the presentation into policy updates with a focus on cancer.
- Prescription drug legislatives – e.g., the Right to Try Act, Health in All Policies Bill, and President Jimmy Carter Cancer Treatment Access Act.
- What Maryland Legislature has done to address health and the latest state health care bills
- Medical marijuana – national and state legislatives. Have a speaker speak on this topic objectively as this could be a very polarizing issue. Speaker should address what we know and what we don’t know about medical marijuana.
- Nutrition, e.g. Vitamin D or vitamin supplement, e.g., how much is enough, etc.
- Update on the Moonshot Initiative
- Bio-technology, e.g., liquid biopsy
- Gamification in healthcare
- Cancer prevention screening – an update on the American Cancer Society’s study. Between 2006 and 2014 ACS conducted ACS Cancer Prevention Study – 3. ACS enrolled more than 300,000 people into the study and evaluated lifestyle, environment, and genetic factors that cause or prevent cancer.

The Suggestion was made to invite Senator Jim Mathias to come and speak – he had a personal experience with cancer (lost his wife to breast cancer)

Sponsorship for the Cancer Conference

- AAMC will provide meeting space and parking.
- DHMH will provide staff support.
- Sponsors are needed to cover food, A/V, and materials (approximately $15,000)
  - Last year, Anne Arundel Medical Center, University of Maryland Marlene and Steward Greenbaum Comprehensive Cancer Center, Johns Hopkins Medicine The Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center, the Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults, Peninsula Regional Medical Center Richard A. Henson Cancer Institute, and American Cancer Society sponsored the Cancer Conference.
- Sponsorship letters will be sent out via email to all council member by 5/15.

6. **Legislative Update**

Annie Olle provided updates to Councils Members on the 2017 legislative session.

Legislative Session Timeline

- Late December - Beginning of February: pre-filed bills, 1st day of session 1/11, briefings, PHPA budget hearings, heavy volume (end of January thru beginning
of February), Senate Bill introduction deadline 2/3, House Bill introduction deadline 2/10

- Mid-February: bill hearings in Chamber of Origin, amendments begin, workgroups begin, meetings with legislators begin

- Mid-March: Negotiations ramp up, volume decreases, amendments continue, crossover deadline occurs 3/20 — lots of last minute activity, bills that are not moved to opposite chamber by crossover go to Rules

- April: conference committees, heavy lobbying and negotiations, SINE DIE– April 10, 2017.

By the Numbers – The Prevention and Health Promotion Administration at Maryland

DHMH Bill Summary – 2016-2017

- In 2016
  o Total bills for PHPA: 302
  o Total bills for CCD: 103
  o Priority bills for PHPA: 121
  o Priority bills for CCD: 58
  o FYI bills for PHPA: 181
  o FYI bills for CCD: 45

- In 2017
  o Total bills for PHPA: 407
  o Total bills for CCD: 148
  o Priority bills for PHPA: 117
  o Priority bills for CCD: 53
  o FYI bills for PHPA: 290
  o FYI bills for CCD: 95

Priority Bills (bills that will have effect on DHMH operations)

- Bills that passed
  o HB 190 - Mammography Centers – Dense Breast Tissue – Notification of Breast Cancer Screening Options
  o HB 747 - Public Health – Cigarette Restitution Fund Programs – Modifications
  o HB 523 - Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems and Vaping Liquid – Licensing
  o HB 185 - Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Distribution of Tobacco Products to Minors – Prohibition and Enforcement

- Bills that failed
  o HB 541/SB 474 - Cigarette Restitution Fund – Establishment of Behavioral Health Treatment Account and Funding for Substance Use Treatment Services
  o HB 876/SB 918 - Health Insurance – Coverage of Fertility Preservation Procedures for Iatrogenic Infertility
  o HB 1113/SB 988 - Health Occupations – Maryland Community Health Worker Act
  o HB 1481 - Public Health – Immunizations of Adolescents - Recommendations

FYI Bills that Passed
  o HB 584 - Investigational Drugs, Biological Products, and Devices
From April to December, the Maryland legislature enters the post session. During this period DHMH Office of Policy and Planning will draft reports, review rules and regulations, and prepare for the next 2018 legislative session.

For any questions, Council Members can contact Jody Sheely, Director of Office of Policy and Planning (Jody.Sheely@Maryland.gov; 410-767-5047), and/or Annie Olle Health Policy Analyst, Office of Policy and Planning (Annie.Olle@Maryland.gov; 410-767-1935).

Council Member Brock Yetso from the Ulman Cancer Fund went into details regarding the HB 876/SB 918 - Health Insurance – Coverage of Fertility Preservation Procedures for Iatrogenic Infertility bill. This bill requires health insurers to provide coverage for certain fertility preservation procedures for infertility that is “caused directly or indirectly by surgery, chemotherapy, radiation, or other medical treatment affecting the reproductive organs or processes”. The bill did not pass this past legislative session. Brock suggested a few factors contributed to the bill not being passed this past legislative session: starting the process to promote and introduce the bill began late and the supporters of the bill did not use a lobbyist. It was noted that the only vocal opposition to the bill came from the Maryland Department of Commerce and the primarily concern centered around the continued addition of coverage requirements for insurance companies. The Ulman Cancer Fund and other supporters will advocate for the bill again in the next legislative session.

7. Next Meeting
   • September 22, 2017; 9:30 am – 11:30 am (Anne Arundel Medical Center Belcher Pavilion – 7th Floor Classroom “5” 2000 Medical Parkway Annapolis, MD 21401)