

Carroll County Cancer Coalition Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: June 26, 2025

Time: 9:00-10:30 AM

Location: CCHD/Virtual

Chair Person: Taina Metsa-Mahka, Kelly Kromm

Attendance: Lisa Bland -MDH- , Amy Bergmann -MDH- , Deborah Cass -MDH- , Sue Doyle -MDH- , Brooke Fox -MDH- , Hazel Fuentes -MDH- , Paul Galonsky -MDH- , Rick Glass , Karen Haughey (virtual), Kelly Kromm (virtual), Maggie Kunz -MDH- , Brian Mattingly -MDH- , Taina Metsa-Mahka -MDH- , Melissa Murdock , Amanda Mosby (virtual), Crystal Swem (virtual), Amber Sharps (virtual)

Agenda Topic	Discussion Topic	Follow Up
Welcome/Introduction Taina Metsa-Mahka, BSN, MBA, DBA	Taina Metsa-Mahka initiated the meeting by welcoming attendees and outlining the coalition's purpose. Participants then introduced themselves and their respective organizations.	
MD Cancer Plan Brian Mattingly, MDH Director, Comprehensive Cancer Control Programs	Brian shared on the Maryland Comprehensive Cancer Plan, updated every five years, guides cancer control efforts. The 2026-2030 update retains the current plan's style, incorporating new content like "Cancer and Mental Health," "Advance Care Planning," and "Cancer Burden in Young Adults." Goals, objectives, and strategies are updated based on feedback and evidence-based approaches, with measurable targets.	Review Slides Maryland Cancer Collaborative Workgroups: https://health.maryland.gov/p_hpa/cancer/cancerplan/pages/collaborative.aspx

	The timeline projects a January 2026 release. The plan is a resource for healthcare providers, public health professionals, academics, community organizations, and individuals to implement cancer control strategies and advocate for supportive policies.	brian.mattingly@maryland.gov
Nine Healthy Habits of a Community Health Coalition Paul Galonsky, MPA Programs Administrator Maryland Department of Health Cancer Screening Programs Unit	Paul discussed the "Nine Habits of Successful Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalitions" developed by the American Cancer Society and the Comprehensive Cancer Control National Partnership. 1. Empowering leadership 2. Shared decision-making 3. Value-added collaboration 4. Dedicated staff 5. Diversified resources 6. Effective communication 7. Clear roles and accountability 8. Flexible structure 9. Setting and implementing priorities These habits are presented as best practices to support successful coalition growth and outcomes, indirectly promoting health equity.	Review Slides
Carroll County Cancer Data Amy Bergman, CCHD Epidemiologist	Amy presented an overview of cancer data in Carroll County. • In 2022, there were 1,241 new invasive cancer diagnoses.	Review Slides

	• Cancer was the second leading cause of death in Carroll County in 2022. • Overall cancer incidence rates have remained stable in recent years. • Mortality rates for cancer are decreasing in Carroll County.	
Other updates	Next meeting date/time: September 25th, 2025 9:00-10:30 AM.	