

Maryland State Council on Cancer Control
September 21, 2018
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Minutes

Members in Attendance

Donna Gugel
Mark Mank
Kevin Cullen
William Nelson
Roger Harrell
Biana Arentz
Stephanie Cooper Greenberg
Catherine Fenwick
Liza Fues
Kathleen Hoke
Ben Kosewski
Tiffany Mathis
Joan Mischtschuk
Elizabeth Platz
Eden Stotsky-Himelfarb
Michele Walsh
Sheree Sample-Hughes

Members Absent

Jay Perman
Paul Rothman
Kathleen Connors-Juras
Dominique Haynes
Christine Miller

Staff and Guests in Attendance

Brian Mattingly, Maryland Department of Health
Erin Penniston, Maryland Department of Health
Ken Lin Tai, Maryland Department of Health
Sara Valek, Maryland Department of Health
Jocelyn Collins, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

- 1. Welcome and New Council Members (Kevin Cullen)**
 - a. Kevin Cullen welcomed the members, and new members provided introductions of themselves.
 - b. An overview of the State Council on Cancer Control Handbook was provided, and members were encouraged to review it. The role of Council members was discussed and potential situations in which members should consult with the Council Chairperson before engaging in political activity on behalf of the Council was reviewed.

- 2. Review of Minutes from 5/18/2018 Meeting (Kevin Cullen)**
 - a. The Council reviewed the May 18, 2018 meeting minutes. There were no comments or edits, and the minutes were accepted as written.

- 3. Burden of Cancer in Maryland (Kevin Cullen)**

- a. Kevin Cullen provided an update of the burden of cancer in Maryland, including incidence and mortality, as well as overall cancer site mortality over the past two decades.
 - b. Council members discussed barriers to care, earlier access to care and screening among various populations within the state.
 - c. Council discussed the idea of observing incidence rates among younger adults over time.
- 4. Maryland Cancer Registry Advisory Committee Update (Brian Mattingly)**
- a. Brian Mattingly provided an overview of Maryland Cancer Registry Advisory Committee, including introduction and purpose of the committee. The Cancer Registry Advisory Committee typically meets in February, April, and September. An update from the April 2018 meeting was provided in the handouts to the Council members.
 - b. Kevin Cullen introduced Elizabeth Platz, Deputy Chair of the Department of Epidemiology at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and a newly appointed member of the council, as the Council Liaison to the committee.
- 5. Maryland Cancer Collaborative (MCC) Update (Elizabeth Platz & Brian Mattingly)**
- a. An update provided on the MCC Annual Meeting that took place on September 20, 2018 at Anne Arundel Medical Center. MCC Members met to select new priority strategies and create new workgroups to implement 2016-2020 Maryland Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan strategies.
Workgroup updates include:
 - Communications Workgroup
 - A short PSA video was developed to raise awareness of the importance of palliative care; the video will be shared widely with attendees at the upcoming Maryland State Council on Cancer Control Conference in November.
 - Access to Care and Resource Workgroup
 - The workgroup is working with the Maryland Department of Health Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities to develop a cultural sensitivity and awareness resource guide for providers and clinical practice staff.
 - Tobacco Cessation Workgroup
 - The workgroup distributed surveys to Maryland hospitals to determine current policies and practices related to in-patient tobacco cessation, counseling, and treatment. The survey data will be used to assist hospitals in developing and implementing evidence-based inpatient tobacco treatment services.
 - HPV Vaccination Workgroup
 - The HPV vaccine uptake project is in progress in two of Anne Arundel’s largest pediatric practices.
 - The HPV vaccine “Catch-Up” project is focused on working with university health centers and campus health educators to increase HPV vaccination for 18-26 year olds who have not started or completed the HPV vaccination.
 - Hospice Utilization Data Workgroup

- The workgroup distributed a survey to all hospice providers to capture hospice utilization for patients with a primary diagnosis of cancer. In addition, a request was sent to the Maryland Health Care Commission to add questions to its annual survey of hospice providers.

6. Cancer Society Legislative Priorities (Jocelyn Collins, Maryland Government Relations Director, American Cancer Society)

- a. Jocelyn Collins presented current policy priority areas of the American Cancer Society-Cancer Action Network (ACS-CAN), including comprehensive smoke-free air policies, Tobacco 21 Laws, cigarette tax rates, and skin tanning.
- b. The legislative activity report “How Do You Measure Up?” was introduced to the council members.
- c. Council members were invited to a policy forum highlighting clinical trials on November 5, 2018.

7. Cancer Conference – November 14, 2018 (Brian Mattingly and Sara Valek)

- a. Event information and a draft agenda were shared with council members.

8. Cancer Conference Awards (Kevin Cullen and Brian Mattingly)

- a. Council members received a copy of the Award Criteria and a list of previous Abeloff Award winners; council members were asked to provide nominations for this prestigious award. Nominations can be sent to Brian Mattingly no later than 5 p.m. on October 12, 2018.
- b. As part of the Abeloff Award nomination process, an Award Committee will review the nominations and select a winner on October 17, 2018 via teleconference.

9. Upcoming Meeting Dates

- January 18, 2019 - Conference Call
- May 17, 2019 - 9:30am to 11:30am
- September 20, 2019 - 9:30am to 11:30am
- November 14, 2019 - 26th Annual State Cancer Conference