

Maryland State Council on Cancer Control

January 17, 2020

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

MINUTES

Members in Attendance

Kevin Cullen
Joan Mischtschuk
Arun Bhandari
Kathleen Connors-Juras
Stephanie Cooper-Greenberg
Catherine Fenwick
Donna Gugel
Roger Harrell
Ben Kosewski
Mark Mank
Liza Fues
Kathleen Hoke
Tiffany Mathis
Elizabeth Platz
Eden Stotsky-Himelfarb

Members Absent

Biana Arentz
Dominique Haynes
Christine Miller
William Nelson
Paul Rothman
Delegate Sheree Sample-Hughes
Michele Walsh

Staff and Guests in Attendance

Brian Mattingly
Erica Smith
Jody Sheely

Welcome (Kevin Cullen)

Review of Minutes from 9/20/2019 Meeting (Kevin Cullen)

- The Council reviewed the meeting minutes from September 20, 2019. There were no comments or edits, and the minutes were accepted as written.

Maryland Cancer Registry Advisory Committee Update (Elizabeth Platz)

- The cancer cluster committee is in the process of being organized for a spring meeting. The purpose of the committee is to review (and make recommendations related to) current procedures for suspected cancer cluster concerns. Cancer Registry Advisory Committee members will be invited to serve on the committee. It will be determined if there is a role for the MCC collaborative groups. Cancer cluster educational materials are currently on the Maryland Cancer Registry webpage.
- CDC completed a site visit with the MCR on July 15, 16 and it went well. CDC was impressed with how well the MCR works with various units within Prevention and Health Promotion (Center for Cancer Prevention and Control).
- The MCR is completing the Incidence and Mortality Report which will contain 2016 cancer registry data. The report is expected to be completed and posted to the MCR webpage soon.

- Maryland is the fifth state in nation to convert to NAACCR v18c programs. NAACCR has now released v18d.

Maryland Cancer Collaborative Update (Joan Mischtschuk)

- The Maryland Cancer Collaborative has 5 workgroups:
 - Tobacco Cessation Support to Providers
 - HPV Vaccination
 - Cancer Survivorship Education
 - High Risk Population Community Outreach
 - Communication - Lesser Known Cancer Risk Factors

The Communication – Lesser Known Cancer Risk Factors workgroup recently drafted and shared two articles:

- Breast Cancer Risk and Alcohol Consumption
- Radon and Lung Cancer

These articles were shared via the MCC Facebook Page and the MCC monthly e-update. Council members also received copies of these articles as part of the materials for today's meeting.

- In addition, the Center for Cancer Prevention and Control re-released the Survivorship Care Plan enhancement Project RFP. Please contact Brian Mattingly if you have any questions.

Burden of Cancer In Maryland: Latest Incidence and Mortality Numbers (Erica Smith, Center for Cancer Prevention and Control, Maryland Department of Health)

- A copy of this presentation has been shared with members.
- Ms. Smith provided an overview of cancer incidence and mortality rates in Maryland and the U.S. Most recent data are from 2016 which show 31,079 new cases of cancer and 10,911 cancer deaths in Maryland. From 2007 to 2016 all sites cancer incidence rates in Maryland remained relatively steady with a decrease of 0.4% per year. For this same time period, all sites cancer mortality rates in Maryland decreased with an average decrease of 1.8% per year.
- The paper *Cancer Statistics, 2020* was shared with council members. Dr. Cullen noted that cancer mortality fell by 2.2% last year, the highest decline in the past 25 years. If rates had stayed the same since 1990, there would have been 3 million more cancer deaths. New cancer treatments, such as immunotherapy, are having a significant impact and improving cancer mortality rates.

Legislative Session Update (Jody Sheely, Office of Support Services, Prevention and Health Promotion Administration, Maryland Department of Health)

- A copy of this presentation has been shared with members.
- Ms. Sheely provided an introduction to the Prevention and Health Promotion Administration's Office of Support Services, and an overview of the 2020 Maryland legislative session.

- Dr. Cullen reminded members that the Council will sometimes want to take a position on a bill and discussed the voting process. The next in-person meeting is in May so the Council will have a standing call each week should it want to vote on a position. If there is no business to discuss, the call will be cancelled. Members identified Mondays at 5pm as the recommended time for the call. Members are reminded that a quorum is needed for voting, so it is very important that members attend meeting and calls. If there is not a quorum on the legislative session calls, a doodle poll will be sent to the members not on the call to get their votes.

State Cancer Conference

- Brian Mattingly shared evaluation results from 26th Annual State Cancer Conference.
- The 26th Annual Maryland State Council on Cancer Control Cancer Conference was held on November 14, 2019 at the Anne Arundel Medical Center, Doordan Conference Center. Three hundred and twenty-one (321) individuals from across Maryland registered and 272 individuals attended the conference. The evaluation response rate was 60%.

Overall Evaluation of the Conference

Measure	Rating of Excellent or Good
Quality of Conference	99%
Accessibility	96%
Convenient Location	91%
Time of Event	96%
Audio Visual Setup	97%

- Overall, there were many positive comments regarding the conference, such as: “great conference”; “all speakers were fabulous”; “well presented speeches and information by knowledgeable speakers. Opportunity to obtain resources to help the communities”; and “My first time. Great experience, great speakers. Keep up the good work.”

Topic suggestions for 2020 conference (Kevin Cullen)

- Topic suggestions were shared from the Cancer Conference evaluation, and Council members were asked to suggest topics for the 2020 Cancer Conference. Council members recommended the following:
 - Accelerated aging following cancer treatment
 - This topic has had recent attention and there are several local experts
 - Cancer and mental health
 - Caregiver topics
- Additional topics from the 2019 Cancer Conference evaluation include:
 - Vaping and marijuana use as it pertains to lung cancer
 - Nutrition prevention-based lifestyle changes
 - Cancer and mental health
 - Innovative cancer support programs in Maryland
 - Clinical trial research

Future State Council Meetings

- **Topic Suggestions** (Kevin Cullen)
 - Council members made the following suggestions for future Cancer Council topics:
 - Legislative session debrief

- Kathleen Hoke said she would be able to provide a brief update
- Update on e-cigarettes
- Pros and cons of taxation
- Cancer and long term survivors of HIV
 - What are the rates of those living with HIV?
 - Risk factors?
- Addressing incidence and mortality rates at the local level within certain geographic areas. What is being done on a state and local level to improve these rates? What resources are available in those areas? Are programs impacting the target populations?

Updates from Council Members (Kevin Cullen)

- There were no updates.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Meetings and Conference to be held at Anne Arundel Medical Center:

- May 15, 2020 - 9:30am to 11:30am, Conference Room F
- September 18, 2020 - 9:30am to 11:30am, Conference Room F
- November 18, 2020 – 27th Annual State Cancer Conference