

Maryland State Council on Cancer Control
September 23, 2016
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

SUMMARY

Members in Attendance

Kathleen Connors-Juras
Stephanie Cooper-Greenberg
Diane Couchman
Catherine Fenwick
Mary Garza
Donna Gugel
Roger Harrell
Christine Marino
Joan Mischtschuk
Artie Shelton
Kala Visvanathan
Stanley Watkins
Brock Yetso

Members Absent

Kevin Cullen
Kim Herman
Kevin Kelly
Anthony Muse
William Nelson
Jay Perman
Paul Rothman
Sheree Sample-Hughes
Yale Stenzler

Staff and Guests in Attendance

Sarah Conolly Hokenmaier
Courtney Lewis
Brian Mattingly
Meredith Truss

Welcome and Review of Minutes

The Council reviewed and approved minutes from the May 13, 2016 meeting. Brian Mattingly was introduced as the new Director of Comprehensive Cancer Control Programs at DHMH. He will be the DHMH contact person for the Council.

Council on Cancer Control Executive Order

The Cancer Council Executive Order was updated and re-signed at a Cancer Plan Press Conference held by Governor Hogan on September 15, 2016. A copy of the updated order as well as a list of media references to the press conference are attached.

Maryland Cancer Registry Advisory Committee Update

Kala Visvanathan updated the Council on the activities of the Cancer Registry Advisory Committee (see attached). The Council discussed challenges in recruiting and retaining cancer registrars due to training and education requirements.

Maryland Cancer Plan Update

Meredith Truss updated the Council that the 2016-2020 Maryland Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan was released on September 15, 2016 during a press conference held by Governor Hogan. Copies of the Cancer Plan were provided to members in attendance and will be mailed to those who were absent. An electronic version is also available online at: <http://phpa.dhmd.maryland.gov/cancer/cancerplan/Pages/publications.aspx>. Additional hard copies can be requested online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cprequest>.

The Council suggested that DHMH add a link to up-to-date cancer data reports to the Cancer Plan website, since the data that is published in the Cancer Plan quickly becomes outdated.

Maryland Cancer Collaborative

Joan Mischtschuk updated the Council on the activities of the Maryland Cancer Collaborative (see attached). The MCC is recruiting members to workgroups focused on its five priority strategies from the Cancer Plan. Council members who have colleagues who may be interested in joining a workgroup are encouraged to contact Meredith Truss at meredith.truss@maryland.gov.

Leaders have been identified for most workgroups, however the MCC is still in need of a leader or co-leaders for its HPV vaccination workgroup. Suggestions can be sent to Meredith Truss. The Council discussed several complementary initiatives taking place across Maryland to encourage HPV vaccination, including television PSAs by DHMH and Merck. The Vaccines for Children Program (VFC) is developing score cards for providers based on their HPV orders relative to other adolescent vaccines and other VFC providers, and in January will require all VFC providers to enter all shots given into the state immunization registry, ImmuNet. Johns Hopkins Community Physicians has also added a quality metric on HPV vaccination so that providers can track their patient coverage rates.

Update on FDA regulations on Cigarettes and Electronic Cigarettes

On May 15, 2016 the FDA finalized a rule that extended its authority to all tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, cigars, hookah tobacco, pipe tobacco, and roll your own (RYO) tobacco. This rule also allows the FDA to regulate future tobacco products. The rule became effective on August 8, 2016 and includes the following regulations:

Cigarettes, cigarette tobacco, and roll your own

- Check ID for anyone under age 27; only sell to age 18 and older
- Sell only in a face to face exchange; vending machines sales only allowed in facilities where no one under 18 is present nor permitted
- No free samples
- No sale of flavored cigarettes, cigarette tobacco, or RYO tobacco
- No sale of cigarette packages containing fewer than 20 cigarettes or single cigarettes

Electronic Cigarettes (Electronic Nicotine Delivery System {ENDS})

- Check ID for anyone under age 27; only sell to age 18 and older
- No free samples
- No selling of e-cigarettes in a vending machine unless in an adult-only facility

Cigars

- Regulate all cigars as it would other tobacco products
- Cigars would need FDA approval
- Subject to warning labels
- No free samples

Additional

- No interstate commerce of products that contain “light”, “low”, or “mild” on label (stop manufacture on August 8 and stop distribution on September 8)
- Add addictiveness warning label beginning May 10, 2008 for products containing nicotine including cigars
- Newly deemed tobacco products (including nicotine vapor products introduced since February 15, 2007) are subject to premarket application/review requirements

Cancer Conference

The cancer conference will be held on November 15, 2016 at Anne Arundel Medical Center. All sponsors and speakers have been confirmed- see attached draft agenda. Registration opened on September 26th and a wait list was initiated on October 6th.

The Council discussed ways to engage conference attendees in implementation of the Cancer Plan in addition to promoting the Maryland Cancer Collaborative. It was suggested that during the Comprehensive Cancer Control in Maryland presentation, Dr. Platz discuss the MCC Survivorship Workgroup's resource guide and promote volunteerism with the organizations included as another way to get involved. The MCC also promotes events and volunteer opportunities through its monthly e-update and Facebook page. Dr. Platz may be able to display the MCC Facebook page during the presentation and ask attendees to use their phones to find and like the page during the conference.

The deadline for submitting nominations for the Abeloff Award was September 26, 2016. The review committee will meet in October to select the winner.

Moveable Feast

Meredith Truss provided information to the Council about the organization Moveable Feast, which delivers free meals to individuals (in Baltimore City and 14 counties) who have a life threatening illness that prevents them from accessing, affording, or preparing medically appropriate meals for themselves. The home delivery program provides:

- Up to 18 healthy meals, delivered weekly
- A bag of "safety net" food staples, delivered the last week of the month
- A bag of up to 5 servings of fresh fruit and produce a week

Eligibility guidelines include: client must be diagnosed with cancer and be in active treatment, OR in home hospice care, AND client is in need of food to maintain health, healing, or quality of life. Clients must be within 300% of the federal poverty level, and reside in 1 of the 15 jurisdictions that the organization serves (see attached application and instructions).

Referral sources must be a medical social worker or physician/nurse. Potential referral sources who have not referred recently should contact Sara Zisow-McClean, Director of Program Services, to set up a memorandum of agreement (410-327-3420 x13 or smcclean@mfeast.org).

2017 Meetings

Meetings for 2017 will be scheduled in January, May, and September. Dates and locations will be sent to the Council once confirmed.