

Maryland State Council on Cancer Control
May 17, 2019
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Anne Arundel Medical Center
Belcher Pavilion 7th Floor, Classroom 5
2000 Medical Parkway
Annapolis, MD 21401

MINUTES

Members in Attendance

Biana Arentz
Arun Bhandari
Kathleen Connors-Juras
Stephanie Cooper-Greenberg
Kevin Cullen
Catherine Fenwick
Donna Gugel
Roger Harrell
Ben Kosewski
Mark Mank
Joan Mischtschuk
Elizabeth Platz

Members Absent

David Bennett
Senator Joanne Benson
Liza Fues
Dominique Haynes
Kathleen Hoke
Tiffany Mathis
Christine Miller
William Nelson
Jay Perman
Paul Rothman
Delegate Sheree Sample-Hughes
Eden Stotsky-Himelfarb
Michele Walsh

Staff and Guests in Attendance

Claudia Remington, Maryland State Council on Child Abuse and Neglect
Wendy Gwartzman Lane, Maryland State Council on Child Abuse and Neglect
Cliff Mitchell, Maryland Department of Health
Erica Smith, Maryland Department of Health
Brock Yetso, Ulman Fund
Pamela Williams, Maryland Department of Health
Ken Lin Tai, Maryland Department of Health
Brian Mattingly, Maryland Department of Health
Thuy Nguyen, Maryland Department of Health
Jocelyn Collins, American Cancer Society
Megan Canone, Anne Arundel Medical Center

1. Welcome (Kevin Cullen)

- Senator Joanne Benson (District 24, Prince Georges County) has been appointed to the Council. She will be replacing Senator Muse.

2. Review of Minutes from 1/18/2019 Meeting (Kevin Cullen)

- The Council reviewed the meeting minutes from January 18, 2019. There were no comments or edits, and the minutes were accepted as written.

3. 2019 Legislative Update: Bills which the Council took a position (Kevin Cullen)

- The Council had taken several positions during the past legislative session including
 - HB 124/SB 299 -Tanning Devices - Use by Minors
Council’s position – support; bill passed
 - SB 310 - Baltimore City - Unpackaged Cigarettes - Prohibition on Sale
Council’s position – support; bill passed
 - SB 783 HPV Vaccine – Information and Informed Consent
Council’s position – against; bill did not pass
 - HB 1169 - Business Regulation - Tobacco Products and Electronic Smoking Devices – Revisions
Council’s position – support; bill passed
- Other bills of interest to the Council that passed include:
 - HB 316 - Public Health - Vaccination Reporting Requirements – ImmuNet
 - HB 595 - Workers' Compensation - Medical Presumptions
 - HB 604/SB 646 - Workers' Compensation - Medical Presumptions for Diseases and Cancer – Eligibility
 - HB 1052 - Alcohol and Tobacco Commission
 - SB 727 - Health – Professional and Volunteer Firefighter Innovative Cancer Screening Technologies Program
- Council will explore a more user-friendly way for Council members to review proposed bills during future legislative sessions.
- No Council member should offer legislative opinion on behalf of the Council, unless the decision was agreed upon by all members.

4. Presentation: Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and their association with poor physical and emotional health in adulthood (Claudia Remington and Wendy Gwartzman Lane, Maryland State Council on Child Abuse and Neglect)

- Presentation is attached.

5. Presentation: Maryland Cancer Registry (Erica Smith, Center for Cancer Prevention and Control, Maryland Department of Health)

- Presentation is attached.
- Reporting facilities are required to submit reports no later than 6 months after initial diagnosis or treatment of the cancer patient. The Maryland Cancer Registry team will consider if the reporting deadline can be made earlier than 6 months.
- The Maryland Cancer Registry team will explore Dr. Bhandari’s concerns about out-of-state laboratory reporting in more detail.

6. Presentation: Maryland Environmental Public Health Tracking Portal (Cliff Mitchell, Environmental Health Bureau, Maryland Department of Health)

- Presentation is attached.

7. Presentation: Ulman House (Brock Yetso, Ulman Fund)

- With support from various donors, the Ulman Fund bought several row houses near Johns Hopkins Hospital and built a facility for young adult cancer patients and their caregivers to stay in during their cancer treatment at surrounding hospitals.
- The House opened in January 2019 and had served 26 patients with 455 nights of lodging.
- Presentation is attached.

8. Maryland Cancer Registry (MCR) Advisory Committee Update (Elizabeth Platz)

- **Data Evaluation Report**
A data evaluation report is provided to the MCR by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The CDC's National Program of Cancer Registries evaluates MCR data on quality, completeness and timeliness of the data. The MCR's submitted data met the National Program of Cancer Registries' national data quality standards.
- **Planned Database Conversion**
The MCR is waiting for a version change to the CDC's Registry Plus suite of software programs. The MCR data management and quality assurance vendor, Myriddian, is currently in the testing phase and it is anticipated that all version 18 programs will be available in either late May or early June 2019. The delay with the version change is affecting all the states nationally.
- **Maryland Cancer Incidence & Mortality Report**
The MCR is currently working on the cancer incidence and mortality report for 2016 data and expects to have it completed by the end of June 2019.
- **Shortage of Certified Tumor Registrars**
Certified tumor registrars (CTRs) are an integral part of the cancer care team by providing quality cancer data. Unfortunately, there is a shortage of CTRs. Reasons for this shortage include:
 1. Prerequisites to sit for the certified tumor registrar exam have become more rigorous. At a minimum, an associate's degree in an allied health field is required.
 2. Lack of a specific degree program for CTRs; hence, many students and career counselors are unaware of this career option.There is a need to promote CTRs as a potential career path. A suggestion was made to present on this issue at the upcoming State Board of Education meeting to help raise awareness.

3. Maryland Cancer Collaborative (MCC) Update (Joan Mischtschuk)

- New workgroups have been formed and have met at least twice since January 2019. Each group has been recruiting members, performing assessment of current activities related to their strategies, and identifying specific deliverables that the workgroups will work toward over the next year or two.
- Members interested in knowing more about the workgroups can contact Brian Mattingly for more information.

4. State Cancer Conference

- **Topic and Speaker Update (Brian Mattingly)**
Council members discussed the recommended topics for the 2019 Cancer Conference:
 - Pros and Cons of Cancer Screening; Speaker: Dr. Otis Brawley
 - Disparities in Lung Cancer; Speaker: Dr. Panagis Galiatsatos
 - Maryland Cancer Registry
 - Maryland Environmental Public Health Tracking Portal
 - Tobacco Cessation
 - Adverse Childhood Events and their association with poor physical and emotional health in adulthood
- **Public Health Award Update (Kevin Cullen)**

- The Maryland State Council on Cancer Control’s Public Health Award recognizes the important contributions various stakeholders make to advancing cancer control efforts in Maryland. “Cancer Control” describes a wide range of prevention, early detection and treatment of cancer activities aimed at reducing the burden of cancer in a given population. This includes the delivery of evidence-based interventions, advocacy efforts, community engagement, and leadership on issues such as disparities and health equity.
- Nominations can be for an individual, program, or project. The awardee will be selected based on the following criteria:
 - a. Contribution is related to cancer prevention and control efforts in Maryland
 - b. Contribution has positively impacted the public health of Marylanders
 - c. Contribution serves as a best practice for others to emulate

Note: Current/Active Maryland State Council on Cancer Control Members are not eligible for nomination. If insufficient nominations are received, the award may be withheld for the year.

- Nominations should be submitted along with an explanation (not to exceed one page) via email detailing why the individual/program/project deserves the award. The Council encourages that nominations be kept confidential from potential awardees.
- Brian Mattingly will contact Council members later in the summer for nominations and for selection committee volunteers.

5. Topic Suggestion for September 20, 2019 Council Meeting (Kevin Cullen)

- Council members discussed meeting topic ideas for both the upcoming September meeting and future meetings. Topic suggestions include:
 - Status of tobacco control in Maryland
 - Modifiable risk factor for cancers
 - Regional cancer disparities in Maryland
 - Suggestion made to have a “Status of…” segment of future meetings which will cover:
 - Tobacco consumption
 - Colorectal Cancer screening
 - Other cancer screening rates
 - Updates on the status other cancer-related topics

6. Updates from Council Members (Kevin Cullen)

- It was brought to the council’s attention that there is currently a film called *Root Cause* that makes the claim that root canals cause breast cancer. Most council members had not heard of the film.

7. Upcoming Meeting Dates

Future meetings will be held at the Anne Arundel Medical Center, Belcher Pavilion, 7th floor.

- September 20, 2019 - 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Classroom 5
- November 14, 2019 - 26th Annual State Council on Cancer Control Cancer Conference

- January 17, 2020 - 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Video Conference Call
- May 15, 2020 - 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Conference Room F
- September 18, 2020 - 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Conference Room F

- November 18, 2020 - 27th Annual State Council on Cancer Control Cancer Conference