



**Delaware Cancer Consortium
Advisory Council
October 9, 2017
Minutes-APPROVED
The Outlook at the Duncan Center
500 West Lookerman Street
Dover, DE**

Attendees

Members

Did not attend	David Bentz – DE House of Representatives
Did not attend	Ruth Briggs-King – DE House of Representatives
Did not attend	Albert Shields, designee for John C. Carney, Jr. – Governor
Did not attend	Stephen Grubbs, MD – American Society of Clinical Oncologists
Attended-phone	Bethany Hall-Long, RNC, PhD – University of Delaware/Delaware Lt. Governor
Attended	Patricia Hoge, PhD
Did not attend	Kara Odom-Walker – DE Department of Health and Social Services
Did not attend	Meg Maley, RN, BSN – Welldoc, Inc.
Did not attend	David McBride – Delaware Senate
Attended	Nicholas Petrelli, MD – Christiana Care - Helen F. Graham Cancer Center
Did not attend	Rishi Sawhney, MD – Bayhealth Medical Center
Did not attend	Shawn Garvin– DE Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control
Attended	James Spellman, MD, FACS, FSSO – Beebe Medical Center - Tunnell Cancer Center

Staff

Attended	Lisa Henry – Delaware Division of Public Health
Attended	Heather Brown – Delaware Division of Public Health
Attended	Dr. Karyl Rattay – Delaware Division of Public Health
Attended	Cassandra Codes-Johnson – Delaware Division of Public Health
Attended	Rosemary Doughten – Delaware Division of Public Health

Public/Guests

Attended	Nora Katurakus – Christiana Care Health System
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Welcome/Review/Approval of minutes

Acting Chair, Dr. Nick Petrelli called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. To begin the meeting, Dr. Petrelli reminded the group of the HPV Workshop scheduled for November 6 from 9 am – 1 pm at the Helen F. Graham Cancer Center. Representatives from the American Society of Clinical Oncology, Immunization Coalition, American Cancer Society, and the Delaware Immunization Program will be there to present and participate in round tables. Dr. Petrelli stated that the goals are:

- 1) What are the options to increase the vaccination rates?
- 2) What are the next steps to be taken?

It was suggested to contact the Pediatric Society, Medical Society of Delaware, and the Nurse Practitioner Council with information on the upcoming workshop.

Dr. Patricia Hoge moved to approve the July 10, 2017 minutes as written and Dr. Jim Spellman seconded. All present approved.

Old & New Business

FY17 Contract /Project outcomes – Health Fund environmental scan

Based on a year-end report, discussion took place regarding how much Health Fund dollars were provided to organizations that were either providing duplicate services or services that were no longer needed due to the changing landscape of cancer care. Specific organizations discussed were Cancer Care Connection and the Women's Mobile Health Screening (operated by the Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition). The Advisory Council members agreed to draft a letter and send along with the year-end report to Dr. Kara Walker, Chair of the Health Fund Advisory Committee, to share their concerns regarding funds distributed that may be providing duplicative services.

FY18 Budget Status

Ms. Lisa Henry advised that \$500,000 was spent this year for the Delaware Cancer Treatment Program (DCTP). The program noted that there is a projected savings at this point in the year. Ms. Henry informed the group that the program lost money from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for early detection and prevention for breast and cervical cancer and about \$400,000 is needed to fulfill contracts for nurse navigators in those areas as well as for a lung cancer screening quality initiative. Colorectal cancer screening also lost federal funds and if funding can be reallocated from DCTP for the nurse navigators then they can handle all three – breast, cervical and colorectal. Dr. Petrelli inquired if the DCTP had a figure that showed how much was paid in co-pays for participants. Ms. Henry advised that five individuals had been helped with their co-pays. The total number of participants in the DCTP is 32 which is up from the previous number of 25. Dr. Hoge commented that with the increase of people using the marketplace for insurance due to the Affordable Care Act (ACA), it is possible that more people may now qualify for the hardship waiver and possibly increase the number of people in the program. The cancer program is working on updating the current DCTP poster to be distributed to PCP's. A reminder for the need for emphasis on the information provided that participants must be residents of Delaware was discussed as well as adding the criteria to enroll in DCTP to the posters. The Advisory Council asked to review the revised poster at the next meeting of the DCC AC prior to printing. Dr. Petrelli made a motion to move funding to the requested projects and Dr. Hoge seconded the motion. During the January 2018 meeting there may be more opportunity to reallocate funds, Ms. Henry advised.

Committee updates and goals

Dr. Petrelli advised that the Delaware Cancer Registry continues to achieve the Gold Star Standard with regards to quality and accuracy of data.

Dr. Spellman reported that nearly 10 years ago, the DCC began looking into implementing an All Payers Claim Database (APCD) in Delaware. Now that the APCD legislation has passed in Delaware, it appears to be a departure from what the Council had originally hoped would be in place. They had hoped for legislation that more similarly matched other states' APCDs (example New Hampshire) and were disappointed the current legislation implementing the APCD may not have as much impact on prevention and treatment efforts as was originally desired. The DCC members expressed interest in having a conversation with Dr. Odom Walker regarding the APCD and to possibly include the former chair of the DCC, Bill Bowser. Dr. Hoge inquired if Christiana Care could be convinced to join in the APCD. Dr. Petrelli offered to talk with key individuals but also stated outcomes and capabilities would need to be proven. If hospitals are behind it, then third party payers will be more inclined to get on board. Members will report back to the group in January 2018 with any new information on the APCD.

Dr. Hoge, co-chair of the Cancer Risk Reduction Committee, reported that a tax increase on tobacco products was passed, however it was not what was proposed. Licensing fees were also increased as well as a tax on e-cigarettes. She continued saying that an average of \$532 million is spent yearly in the U.S. to serve tobacco related illnesses and it is only going to get worse. As money gets tighter, prevention dollars go away. There was some discussion on programs implemented in schools with regards to physical activity and wellness policies. Dr. Rattay advised that she is attending the state superintendent meeting and will report back to the group in January.

Reporting for the Early Detection & Prevention Committee, Nora Katurakas advised that the group had completed many tasks related to their six goals. She mentioned the HPV workshop coming up on November 6, advised of additional screenings being done on the mammography van, and told of partnerships with faith based communities for prostate cancer awareness. Dr. Petrelli asked for a summary on the services provided by the van, the same as what was received for the Comprehensive Cancer Epilogue Contracts Report. Dr. Hoge questioned if the necessity of having the van should be re-evaluated to be sure the money is being put to the best use for Delawareans.

Lung Cancer Screening Registry Data Reporting Outcomes

Ms. Heather Brown advised that more than 95% of the people screened in the lung cancer program referred themselves. Less than 5% were referred by providers. Education is a primary focus on providers and the program is working on a quality improvement project with Quality Insights to establish process of lung cancer screening referrals by physicians.

Sharing Time

No items were discussed.

Public Comment

No items were discussed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

Attachments



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Meeting documentation is available on the DCC website (www.healthydelaware.org) or by contacting Rosemary Doughten (Rosemary.Doughten@state.de.us or 302-744-1000).

Future Meeting (s)

Next Meeting(s):

The Outlook at the Duncan Center, 500 West Loockerman Street, Dover, DE 19901

Monday, January 8, 2018, 8:30 am - 10:00 am

Monday, April 9, 2018, 8:30 am – 10:00 am

Monday, July 9, 2018, 8:30 am – 10:00 am

Monday, October 8, 2018 8:30 am – 10:00 am