

Draft Minutes
DHEC Cancer Control Advisory Committee
Conference Call – February 11, 2010

Members Present: Debbie Seale (Chair), Tony Alberg, Judy Bibbo, Karen Brooks, Mike Byrd, Margaree Crosby, Bz Giese, Bill Gilchrist, Steve Gresham, Lynn Ivey, Drew Monitto, Susan Outen, David Rice, Diane Skinner, John Ureda, Vicky Young (for Lathran Woodard)

Members Not Present, Spencer Disher, Lynn Douglas, John Funke, Lynn Ivey, Stephen Madden, Nancy Windham

Announced Absences: James Maynard

DHEC Staff Present: Lou-Ann Carter, Ginie Daguise, Tom Gillette, Mary Kelly, and Sonya Younger

Guests: Jim Burch, USC Cancer Program

Welcome and Introductions

Debbie Seale, Chair, welcomed the participants noted that this was our first regular meeting held by conference call. If participants feel it is successful, we will plan to use conference calls in the future. Tom Gillette read the roll and recorded those present.

Minutes

Last Meeting Minutes were reviewed and one correction on a mis-keyed date was noted. Tom will change the file copy.

Surveillance Subcommittee

The Subcommittee has not met since the last CCAC meeting and there was no report.

Central Cancer Registry.

Susan Bolick was not in attendance and there was no update from the program.

Cancer Division Update

Lou-Ann reported that staff would be updating members on the status of the DHEC cancer screening programs during the report. She reported for Jan Viars that BCN was experiencing a tremendous increase in screening requests. Requests for service are exceeding funding available from state and federal sources. Part of the increase is due to extending the lower age limit to age 40 using state funds and part of the increase may be due to the economy. BCN staff have been limiting the number of prior authorization codes given out per month to try to make funding last until the end of the fiscal year. This causes some providers to have to wait until the following month to schedule women. Staff will continue to monitor the situation, but funding is severely limited due to increased requests.

Sonya Younger reported on SCOPE SC colorectal screening numbers for the first year of the project. She reported that 665 patients had completed colonoscopies and three colon cancers

were detected. Staff plans to add three new community health centers in Year 02. Little River and Carolina Health Center are in the process of completing contracts. Beaufort-Jasper is expected to participate as well.

Lou-Ann reported that staff was planning to work with the Medical Quality Assurance Committee to develop standards of participation for colonoscopy providers. The MQAC had spent much time in Year 01 in reviewing client records. Lou-Ann reported that two providers had been cautioned by the MQAC for placing multiple polyps in specimen bottles and for not reaching accepted guidelines on adenomas polyps. Both had provided corrective action.

Mary Kelly reported on the Medicaid Treatment Act. There were 900 active patients enrolled through Option 1 and 815 active cases enrolled in Option 3 through November 2009. The Act continues to provide a valuable resource for covering treatment of women diagnosed with breast cancer.

SCCA Update

Ginie Daguise reported that the next SCCA meeting would be held on February 19 in Columbia. The theme of the meeting will be Cancer Screening in SC: Science or Science Fiction? Speakers will address issues related to prostate cancer screening colorectal cancer screening, cervical cancer screening, and lung cancer screening. Dr. Otis Brawley, Chief Medical Officer of the American Cancer Society, will be the keynote speaker. Ginie encouraged all CCAC members to register and attend.

Other Business

Debbie asked participants if they felt that holding meetings via conference call was successful. Almost all agreed that it was and recommended that the May meeting also be held via conference call. Dr. Ureda asked staff to see if we could use Internet-based meeting software to enhance the experience and Tom said he would pursue options.

Next meeting will be on Thursday May 13, 2010 at 2 PM.