

**Draft Minutes**  
**DHEC Cancer Control Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting – February 9, 2012**

**Members Present:** Debbie Seale (Past Chair), Anthony Alberg, Karen Brooks, Natalie Copeland, Judy Bibbo, Drew Monitto, Michael Byrd, John Ureda, David Rice, Susan Outen

**Announced Absences:** Lathran Woodard, Lynn Ivey, James Maynard

**DHEC Staff Present:** Susan Bolick, Dianna Lydiard, Virginie (Ginie) Daguise, Susan Jackson and Sonya Younger

**Welcome and Introductions**

Drs. David Rice and Drew Monitto Co-Chairs, welcomed the participants and introduced themselves and the newly elected Chairs. Sonya Younger read the roll and recorded those present.

**Minutes**

The September 2011 Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Debbie Seale made a motion and Karen Brooks made a second to approve the minutes.

**Surveillance Subcommittee**

Dr. Tony Alberg announced that Dr. Swan Adams (researcher) and Dr. Charlie Bennett (practitioner) would now be providing high quality and timely reviews.

1. Eight (8) researchers' proposals were reviewed and approved by the Surveillance Committee since the last meeting:
2. Diane Kamen (MUSC): Lymphoma Risk: A Consequence of Immune Suppression or Stimulation William Blot (Vanderbilt): Southern Community Cohort Study (SCCS)
3. Julie Eggert (Clemson): Discovery HISTory: Using Family History to Discover the Genetic Predisposition for Prostate Cancer in African American Men (UCANN)
4. Maureen Sanderson (Meharry): A Multi-Center Epidemiologic Study of Breast Cancer in African American Women (aka Understanding Cancer Causes in African Americans)
5. Marvella Ford (MUSC): Feasibility Study of Breast Cancer Candidate Genes in Three Population Groups In South Carolina
6. Leepao Khang (USC): Geographical proximity to mammography facilities and completion of abnormal mammography follow-up, breast cancer stage at diagnosis, and mortality among women participating in South Carolina's Best Chance Network (BCN)
7. Singley (USC): Comparison of Breast Cancer Treatment Modalities in South Carolina Women
8. Sudha Xirasagar (USC): Reducing Cancer Disparities: Incident Cancer After Colonoscopies by Primary Care Doctors

A Registry Rapid Case Ascertainment Study is underway with MUSC and Duke on Ovarian Cancer in African American Women. Since it has been so successful, other studies of this kind are being proposed, two that have recently been approved by the Surveillance Subcommittee for Dr. Maureen Sanderson (Vanderbilt and Meharry), and Dr. Marvella Ford (MUSC).

Dr. Alberg also reconfirmed that the Surveillance Subcommittee serves as the quality of the science and as a pre-cursor in overseeing the IRB, confidentiality and ethical issues.

## **Central Cancer Registry**

### ***Staffing***

The SCCCR lost three positions during the fall: 1) Statistician, 2) Research Analyst, and 3) Data Abstractor (CTR) in the Pee Dee/Grandstrand region. We have filled the Data Abstractor position, but instead of being located in the region, she is located in the Central Office in Columbia and will be abstracting cases via remote access to the hospitals in that area. We are currently interviewing for the Statistician and Research Analyst spots.

### ***Funding***

The SCCCR has experienced its most affluent funding year in quite some time due to supplemental projects awarded from CDC. The two awards are entitled:

Enhancing Reporting of Hematopoietic Diseases from Oncology Offices - \$198,000 over 2 years

Treatment, Sub-specialist Care and Outcomes of Ovarian Cancer - \$32,000 over 10 months

AACES – African American Cancer Epidemiology Study for Ovarian Cancer - \$132,000 over 5 years – NCI to Duke Univ. and MUSC - SCCCR is providing the rapid case ascertainment of AA women diagnosed within 2 mo. With ovarian cancer and conducting the consent process with physicians and then active consent from the patients to be contacted by the researchers at Duke.

These projects have afforded part-time staffing increases (at least temporarily) to assist with the ever-challenging data collection from non-hospital sources (free-standing treatment facilities and physician practices with their own diagnostic labs)

The new FOA for funding for the National Program of Cancer Registries categorizes the currently funded states: those who may apply for up to \$800,000; and those who may apply for between \$800,000 and \$1.2 million. SCCCR is in the second (higher) group.

### ***Data Use***

The use of the registry data for research has grown tremendously. Dr. Alberg discussed the approved studies over the past months that were reviewed by the Surveillance Subcommittee. These plus other requests indicate that the data are being used.

The new FOA states the importance of use of surveillance data throughout all components for planning, monitoring and evaluation.

### **Cancer Division Update**

Dr. Dianna Lydiard announced that she is currently serving as the Interim Director for the Division of Cancer Prevention and Control. The Bureau hopes to hire a director within the next six (6) months.

### ***Medicaid Treatment Act***

Susan Jackson reported on the Medicaid Treatment Act statistics for the current year. Susan reported BCCPTA Total Active Beneficiaries as of December 2011 of 1132 with 30% Option 1 (screened and diagnosed through BCN) and 70% Option 3 (diagnosed outside of BCN). An average of 200 applications and eligibility reviews have been received this fiscal year with expenditures, as of January 2012, of \$11.2 million. For more details contact Susan at (803) 545-4457 or [jacksosl@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:jacksosl@dhec.sc.gov).

### ***Best Chance Network***

Dr. Dianna Lydiard reported on the Best Chance Network (BCN) and WISEWOMAN programs. The BCN program has assigned 82% of authorizations as of December 31, 2011. Over 4347 clinical breast exams and 4178 mammograms (21% considered abnormal) have been performed. Over 2475 (7% considered abnormal) pap smears have been performed. Over 78% of the authorization codes have been assigned for the WISEWOMAN program. At least 20% of the participants are receiving lifestyle intervention services. For more details contact Dr. Lydiard at (803) 545-4116 or [lydiard@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:lydiard@dhec.sc.gov).

### ***Comprehensive Cancer Control***

Dr. Ginie Daguse reported on Comprehensive Cancer Control updates.

The Funding Opportunity for Cancer Prevention and Control Programs for State, Territorial and Tribal Organizations (Agency Funding Opportunity Number: CDC-RFA-DP12-1205) was released on 1/25/2012. It is a new competitive five (5) year funding cycle from the CDC and due by 3/26/2012. This funding opportunity creates a new platform for the coordination and integration of long standing cancer activities for South Carolina. It consists of five components, which include three previously funded programs, and two new components. The five components are as follows: Program management, Leadership and coordination (Component 1); Policy and Environmental Approaches and Community Linkages (Component 2), which represents the comprehensive cancer control program; Health Systems Change and Quality Preventive Services (Component 3), which corresponds to the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (Best Chance Network); Surveillance Activities (Component 4), which represents the National Program of Cancer Registries; and a new innovative Demonstration Projects to Advance Population-Based Cancer Screening (Component 5).

The bill below introduced by Rep. White has been seeking to split the five (5) million for tobacco cessation with BCN and Colorectal cancer screenings at DHEC. SCCA and their partners are addressing this.

H. 4626 (Word version) -- Rep. White: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 11-11-230, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, ESTABLISHING THE SMOKING PREVENTION AND CESSATION TRUST FUND

AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA MEDICAID FUND TO RECEIVE REVENUES OF THE TWO AND ONE-HALF CENT SURTAX IMPOSED ON THE SALE OF EACH CIGARETTE, SO AS ESTABLISH THE BREAST CANCER AND COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING AND TREATMENT TRUST FUND TO WHICH MUST BE DEPOSITED ANNUALLY TWO AND ONE-HALF MILLION DOLLARS IN CIGARETTE SURTAX REVENUES WHICH MUST BE USED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A STATEWIDE BREAST CANCER AND COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING AND TREATMENT PROGRAM; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-21-625, RELATING TO THE IMPOSITION OF THE CIGARETTE SURTAX AND THE USE OF THE REVENUES OF THE TAX, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT TWO AND ONE-HALF MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY OF THE SURTAX REVENUE MUST BE CREDITED TO THE BREAST CANCER AND COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING AND TREATMENT TRUST FUND AND TO REDUCE FROM FIVE MILLION DOLLARS TO TWO AND ONE-HALF MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY THE SURTAX REVENUE THAT MUST BE CREDITED TO THE SMOKING PREVENTION AND CESSATION TRUST FUND.

For more information, contact Dr. Daguise at (803) 545-4942 or [daguisevg@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:daguisevg@dhec.sc.gov).

### **South Carolina Cancer Alliance (SCCA) Update**

Dr. John Ureda announced newest Board Members, John Moore of Spartanburg and Wendell Price of Columbia and newly elected Coordinating Council Members: Daniela Friedman, Jessica Bellinger and Sandra Jagan.

### ***Grant Announcements***

On November 12, 2011 the SCCA announced funding opportunities of up to \$12,000 for select projects that will advance the success of the South Carolina State Cancer Control Plan of 2011-2015. Grant Applications were being accepted through January 20, 2012 at 5pm

### ***Annual Meeting***

The SCCA Annual Meeting was held on October 14, 2011, in Columbia. The meeting was a huge success and attended by a broad and diverse group of participants. The presenters included SCCA partners to include numerous ACOS facilities.

***Cancer Advocacy Training*** - 72 Community volunteers attended the Education for Action, Cancer Advocacy Training on Tuesday December 6, 2011, at the Capital City Club in Columbia where they were trained about the legislative process and the effects of grassroots efforts. A communication and engagement plan was implemented to maintain the importance of connecting with legislators.

***Pink Primary Luncheon*** - On January 12, 2012, we joined Palmetto Health Foundation, Komen and ACS to host the first ever Pink Primary luncheon at the Statehouse with a singular purpose – to spread the message that detecting breast cancer early is absolutely critical to treating and beating this disease. Seeing all four organizations come together collectively to raise support for early detection and the Best Chance Network impacted the legislators.

***Formal Volunteer Program Launched*** – SCCA had partnered with Volunteer Match to provide and promote numerous professional volunteer opportunities within the organization throughout the state.

**Membership Forums** - SCCA launched their membership and community engagement forums. The forum topics directly align with the cancer plan topics like: Health Advocacy and Policy and Health Disparities. To access the forums, one must be a member of the SCCA and be logged in using username and password via the SCCA website.

**Social Media** – The alliance has launched a communication plan and strategy to routinely engage membership and community members with relevant information through the use of new social media tools: Facebook, LinkedIn, Blogger, Twitter, YouTube, Newsletters and membership forums.

**Webinar Technology** - SCCA is now leveraging webinar technology that allows conferencing events to be shared with remote locations. The webinars can be recorded and a copy of an event can be shared with our subscribers.

**Funding Resources** - SCCA has partnered with eBay Giving Works to provide alternative ways to financially support their cause via online auctions and corporate giving. A grant development committee is underway and is actively recruiting volunteers willing to assist in the process of fund development.

### **Workgroups and Committees**

**Prostate Workgroup** – Dr. John Ureda, Chair, reported that the Prostate Workgroup is active and growing, averaging 12-18 participants per conference call. The group submitted a grant proposal to SCCA regarding “Prostate Cancer Informed Decision Making.”

**Advocacy Committee** – Nancy Cheney (ACS), Chair, reported that the Upstate Legislative Briefing was held on November 14, 2011, which focused on educating and informing legislators about the importance of colon cancer screening. On December 6, 2011, the SCCA Advocacy Meeting was held in Columbia and was well attended with a very diverse group of advocates. Nancy and Ted Riley met with Rep. Murrell Smith as SCCA and ACS lobbyists to present the FY 2012-2013 State Budget Request (DHEC) which included \$2 million for the Best Chance Network and \$3.6 million for colorectal cancer screenings.

**Colorectal Cancer Workgroup** – Nancy Cheney reported that there is a lot going on in South Carolina. The 2012 Unmasking Colon Cancer Gala will be held on March 3rd in Spartanburg. Dr. James Hebert will be stepping down as Chair of the CRC Workgroup and is currently looking for a replacement.

**Patient Care Survivorship Workgroup** - Patty Hegedus reported that the workgroup’s first conference call was held on November 1, 2011. The workgroup is working on membership growth, defining strategic direction and initially focusing efforts on the ACOS survey results.

### ***Social Media Links***

Twitter – [www.twitter.com/SC\\_Cancer\\_A](http://www.twitter.com/SC_Cancer_A)

LinkedIn - South Carolina Cancer Alliance

Blogger – <http://sccanceralliance.blogspot.com>

Facebook - [www.facebook.com/pages/South-Carolina-Cancer-Alliance](http://www.facebook.com/pages/South-Carolina-Cancer-Alliance)

YouTube - SC Cancer Alliance

SCCA Website - [www.sccanceralliance.org](http://www.sccanceralliance.org)

### ***Upcoming SCCA Events***

SCCA Meeting - Friday, April 20th at Greenville Hospital System, University Medical Center - "Putting the Pieces Together: Understanding the Puzzle of Integrative Oncology". The agenda will include grand rounds, MD and non-MD tracks, lunch with speaker, workshop sessions, possible tours, and a reception.

Friday, June 15th Greenwood Genetics Center in Greenwood SC - "It's All Relative: The Importance of Family History & Your Cancer Risk".

Online registration will soon be available at [www.sccanceralliance.org](http://www.sccanceralliance.org)

### **Other Business**

#### ***Bylaws Update***

The Chair/Vice-Chair/Co-Chairs issue was addressed at the September 8<sup>th</sup> CCAC meeting as a time sensitive item to be addressed prior to the 2011 election of officers. Those proposed changes were approved by the CCAC membership on October 26, 2011. The By-laws Subcommittee has considered additional changes/amendments and forwarded the recommended changes to members for review and approval. If all agree and no additional changes are forthcoming, voting will commence March 12 – March 23. Members will receive notice of results on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### ***Upcoming Meetings***

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be held via conference call on May 17, 2012 at 2 p.m.