

Draft Minutes
DHEC Cancer Control Advisory Committee Meeting
American Cancer Society Office
128 Stonemark Lane, Columbia, SC
May 7, 2009

Members Present: Debbie Seale (Chair), Tony Alberg, Karen Brooks, Steve Gresham, Drew Monitto, Jeanne Musgrove, Susan Outen, David Rice, Diane Skinner, Simonika Spencer, John Ureda, Valeria Williams (for Bz Giese), Lathran Woodard,

Members Not Present: Judy Bibbo, Margaree Crosby, Spencer Disher, Lynn Douglas, John Funke, Lynn Ivey, Stephen Madden, Nancy Windham

Announced Absences: Mike Byrd, Bill Gilchrist, and Jim Maynard

DHEC Staff Present: Susan Bolick, Lou-Ann Carter, Tom Gillette, and Mary Kelly

Guests: Dr. Jim Burch (Chair Screening Subcommittee, SCCA Colorectal Cancer Work Group), Misty Pearson (DHEC Region 1), Lori Phillips (DHEC Region 4)

Welcome and Introductions

Debbie Seale, Chair, welcomed the participants and members and guests introduced themselves.

Minutes

Last Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved with one modification. The discussion regarding the request from BCN staff for assistance in organizing a medical advisory committee had been left out. Karen Brooks and Heather Brandt had agreed to provide advice on membership to BCN staff. These points will be added to the February minutes.

Surveillance Subcommittee

Dr. Alberg, Chair, reported that a new Cancer Registry staff person, Jonathon Savoy, would be providing staff support to the subcommittee. Jonathon has filled a position vacated by Catashia Mosley. There were no research requests to approve. The subcommittee reviewed the progress on the recently completed Cancer Registry Ten Year Report, and on a project to evaluate progress on the SC Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan, which will be submitted to the SCCA for funding support later this month.

Central Cancer Registry.

Susan Bolick reported that data collection on the 2006 cancer incidence data was completed in November. The registry is still waiting for certification results from NCACCR due to a delay in the release of national mortality data. Susan also reported that the registry is changing software for all of these operations. They are switching from a commercial software provider to begin using a CDC provided software package. They will begin using the new software effective July 1. The new software will allow better integration of path lab reporting and it also contains a component for auditing data sources. The software is well supported by CDC, has

been used effectively in other states for over 12 years and is free. Susan reported that the registry has recently completed its first 10-year report covering 1996 through 2005. The report is a comprehensive compilation of cancer incidence and mortality rates, by 10-year, most recent 5-year, and most recent 1-year age adjusted rates. It includes all cancers combined, and then selected cancer sites. County rates are provided for all cancers combined.

For the first time, cancer survival rates/ratios are published. Observed survival, relative survival, and median survival time are all included. The comprehensive overview that summarizes each section is provided. A separate Fact Sheet is being developed to accompany the report for ease of use of the data.

From this comprehensive scientific report, we will be able to pull out data to develop more consumer friendly short reports on selected cancers of interest. These will be distributed through DHEC outlets within PHSIS. Planning for these additional reports will be accomplished through the CCAC surveillance subcommittee. The report will be electronic only, featured on the SCCCR website. There will be a link from the SCCA website to it.

Medical Quality Assurance Committee Update

Dr. Gilchrist was unable to attend the meeting, but Tom Gillette reported on MQAC activities. Dr. Brenda Hoffman, a gastroenterologist from MUSC has joined the group. The three MQAC physicians who perform colonoscopies have been reviewing patient forms. So far, they have reviewed 73 and have 60 more in hand to review. The provider in Columbia has performed most procedures, but records have begun to come in from Orangeburg, Conway, and Greenville. The MQAC subgroup will complete the review by the end of the month and then convene a meeting of the whole committee to make recommendations on results based on national guidelines. Staff have begun to develop a list of strategies to implement to address potential provider deviations from expected standards. These could range from merely asking the provider to amend his procedures to recommending removal from the program. These recommendations will be completed and reviewed by the full MQAC at a June meeting and sent as a recommendation to the CCAC for adoption/revisions at the September CCAC meeting.

SCCA Update

Dr. Ureda, SCCA Coordinating Council Chair, reported that the SCCA held its quarterly meeting on April 24. This was the first meeting under the new operating structure with a Board of Directors overseeing the administrative/management functions and the Coordinating Council taking responsibility for cancer plan implementation programs and projects. The Coordinating Council is reviewing projects for cancer plan implementation funds for the new fiscal year beginning June 30. They will make final decisions in early June. The next SCCA meeting will be the Annual Meeting on October 23.

Regional Cancer Grant Reports

Updates on the currently funded regional cancer grants were presented by four of the eight DHEC regions. Projects are designed to implement cancer plan objectives at the local level in conjunction with regional partners. Misty Pearson from Region 1 and Lori Phillips from Region 4 reported in person. Regions 3 and 7 provided written updates. The remaining four DHEC regions will present at the September CCAC meeting.

Cancer Division Update

Lou-Ann Carter reported that DHEC had submitted a proposal to CDC to expand the SCOPE SC project with federal funds. DHEC applied for \$1 million annually to increase sites and numbers screened. Successful applicants should be notified in early to mid-June for a project start date of July 1, 2009. Lou-Ann also reported that there probably would be no more state budget cuts this year, but we did anticipate additional reductions to occur after July 1.

Mary Kelly reported that Karen Brooks and Heather Brandt had met with Mary and Jan Viars to recommend the composition of the BCN medical advisory group. That group recommended the several types of health professionals including Two OB GYN, pathologist, radiologist, nurse practitioner, nurse midwife, primary care representative, community at large member, Research, MD Oncologist, and BCN representative. Some CCAC members cautioned not to make the group too large. The CCAC members were asked send recommendations for membership of the BCN Medical Advisory group to Mary and Tom. Mary also reported on updated Medicaid Treatment Act numbers. Through March 31, 2009, there are 440 active cases in Option 1 and 882 active cases in Option 3.

Debbie announced the next meeting date of September 10 at 1 PM at the American Cancer Society office in Columbia.

The meeting adjourned at 4 PM

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