

Draft Minutes
DHEC Cancer Control Advisory Committee Meeting
American Cancer Society Office
128 Stonemark Lane, Columbia, SC
September 10, 2009

Members Present: Debbie Seale (Chair), Tony Alberg, Karen Brooks, Mike Byrd, Bill Gilchrist, Steve Gresham, Lynn Ivey, James Maynard, Drew Monitto, Susan Outen, David Rice, Valeria Williams (for Bz Giese), Vicky Young (for Lathran Woodard),

Members Not Present: Margaree Crosby, Spencer Disher, Lynn Douglas, John Funke, Lynn Ivey, Stephen Madden, Sim Spencer,

Announced Absences: Judy Bibbo, Jeanne Musgrove, Dianne Skinner, John Ureda, Nancy Windham

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

Guests: DHEC regional staff: Lillie Hall (Region 2), Barbara Grice (Region 5), Regina Nesmith, Jackie Stanzione, and Larry White (Region 6), Geri Lester (Region 8), and Valerie Muehleman, Beaufort Jasper Comprehensive Health Services

Welcome and Introductions

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

Minutes

Last Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved.

Regional Cancer Project Reports

Staff and partners from four DHEC regions reported on their 08-09 cancer projects.

Region 2 – tobacco use prevention and sun safety

Region 5 – Body and Soul, prostate cancer education, and Color Me Healthy

Region 6 – Prostate cancer education, Body and Soul, Cancer Education Guide

Region 8 – Obesity education in schools and BMI measurement in students and Eat Smart Move More.

Surveillance Subcommittee

Dr. Alberg reported that the subcommittee reviewed and approved three Registry data applications. The approved requests included one on cancer an urban stress from the USC Cancer Prevention and Control Program; One on oral health disparities from Research Triangle Institute; and one on clinicopathologic characteristics related to cancer therapy and survival from MUSC. He also reported that the subcommittee would assist in the SCCA project to evaluate the SC Comprehensive Cancer plan that was recently begun by providing expertise to Dr. Cartmell at MUSC, who is leading the evaluation effort.

Central Cancer Registry.

Susan Bolick reported that the registry has once again received the Gold Certification award from the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries. The completion rate for date collection for 2006 was 98.4%. Registry staff is also completing data collection for 2007. The registry has completed the conversion to the new CDC Registry Plus suite of software applications. Staff and hospitals are pleased with the conversion and the ease of use of the system. State budget cuts have hit the registry hard requiring staff reductions and causing Susan concern that data collection completeness may suffer in the coming year. CDC will conduct an annual site visit to the registry in October.

Medical Quality Assurance Committee Update

Dr. Gilchrist reported that a MQAC subcommittee of he, Dr. Hoffman, and Dr. Barnett had reviewed patient screening records from all of the SCOPE SC colonoscopy providers. Over 400 records were reviewed and results were shared with the whole MQAC in June. Based on those results, the MQAC is recommending that two providers be suspended from SCOPE SC participation. One provider has been putting specimens from different parts of the colon in a single specimen bottle for pathology review. Another provider is obtaining lower rate of adenomatous polyp detection than national standards. The MQAC agreed that these deficiencies were egregious enough to warrant removal from the program and Dr. Gilchrist asked the CCAC to concur with that recommendation. Much discussion ensued regarding the fact that providers had not been fully informed of the consequences of these deficiencies and some members thought the recommendation was too severe. However the members voted to agree that the two providers should be removed and voted to recommend that action to the Commissioner. NOTE: After the meeting, several members expressed concern that providers did not have enough information about sanctions to be removed. The CCAC chair determined that more discussion on the decision should be held. At a conference call on October 8, members voted to notify the providers of deficiencies, but not to suspend them. Future deficiency consequences will be spelled out clearly to providers and future deficiencies will result in sanctions.

SCCA Update

Ginie Daguise reported that the next SCCA meeting would be held on October 23. It will be the annual meeting and awards will be given out. Ginie also reported the Dr. Ureda, SCCA coordinating council chair, had been quite ill with west Nile virus. He seems to be recovering and members wished him well.

Cancer Division Update

Lou-Ann reported that Buddy Watkins had resigned as the coordinator of SCOPE SC. DHEC plans to recruit to fill the position. Mary Kelly reported that the BCN advisory committee is still looking for an OB-GYN to serve. Dr. Alberg mentioned he had a possible member who is on the staff at Hollings Cancer Center. He will share the information with Mary.

Other

Debbie noted that this would be the final meeting of 2009. Members decided to hold three scheduled meetings again next year, with additional conference calls as necessary. Meeting dates for 2010 will be: Thursday February 11, Thursday May 13, and Thursday September 9. There being no other business and the time was late, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM.

