

**Draft Minutes**  
**DHEC Cancer Control Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting – September 9, 2010**

**Members Present:** Debbie Seale (Chair), Tony Alberg, Steve Gresham, James Maynard, Drew Monitto, Jan Viars (for Lathran Woodard)

**Members Not Present:** Margaree Crosby, Spencer Disher, Jr., John Funke, Bz Giese, Stephen Madden, David Rice, Nancy Windham

**Announced Absences:** Judy Bibbo, Karen Brooks, William Gilchrist, Lynn Erdman, Lynn Ivey, Susan Outen, John Ureda

**DHEC Staff Present:** Susan Bolick, Lou-Ann Carter, Tom Gillette, Susan Jackson, and Sonya Younger

**Guest:** Fran Marshall, State Toxicologist, DHEC

**Welcome and Introductions**

Debbie Seale, Chair, welcomed the participants and recognized Fran Marshall from DHEC who will make a presentation on the DHEC Environmental Public Health Tracking Project.

**Minutes**

Last Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved as amended. Susan Bolick noted that she was marked absent, but was present. Tom will change in the file minutes.

**DHEC Environmental Public Health Tracking System**

Dr. Fran Marshall, Director of DHEC's Environmental Public Health Tracking System, provided an overview of the program, particularly as it relates to collecting and reporting cancer data. Dr. Marshall discussed how the tracking system works with the Central Cancer Registry to collect and analyze data on selected cancers to determine if there is an association between certain types of cancers and environmental factors. The DHEC system is part of a national system supported by CDC and reports our data into the national system. Cancers that are included in the SC and national system are: Breast, Lung and Bronchus, Bladder, Brain and Other Central Nervous Systems (CNS), Thyroid, Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, Leukemia, Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia, Acute Myeloid Leukemia, and Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia. More information on the system is available in Dr. Marshall's powerpoint presentation available on request from Tom) and on the DHEC website at

[www.scdhec.gov/administration/epht](http://www.scdhec.gov/administration/epht).

**Surveillance Subcommittee**

Dr. Alberg reported the subcommittee met today before the CCAC meeting. Three new applications for release of SCCCR data were reviewed. Dr. Alberg briefly described each study application. For approval status of the applications, see the minutes from the Surveillance Subcommittee. The studies are listed below:

1. "Epidemiology of Ovarian Cancer in African American Women". Dr. Joellen Schildkraut from Duke is the PI on the study. The SC facility involved is MUSC

who will be working with the SCCCR for rapid cases ascertainment of AA ovarian cancer cases, and Dr. Alberg is the PI on the SC component. Dr. Alberg recused himself from the discussion and vote on the application.

2. "Lymphoma Risk: A consequence of Immune Suppression or Stimulation". The PI is Dr. Diane Kamen from MUSC.
3. "Cancer Risk among Firefighters and Emergency Service Rescuers and Officers Exposed to the World Trade Center Disaster". The PI is Dr. David J. Prezant and is proposed in collaboration with the NY Fire Department and the World Trade Center Medical Monitoring and Treatment Program.

There was discussion of refreshing the membership after Susan and Dr. Albert reviewed past attendance and participation by current members. Several actions will be taken in that regard over coming weeks.

An update was given on the state cancer plan evaluation project. The final report was presented to the SCCA and it will be discussed at the next SCCA meeting in Charleston on Oct. 8.

### **Central Cancer Registry**

Susan Bolick reported that Joe Giri has been hired for the position of Upstate Data Coordinator. Joe comes to the SCCCR with excellent skills, as he is a recent graduate of the Medical College of Georgia Health Information Management Program. He has the RHIA credential and plans to sit for the CTR exam at his first opportunity.

The SCCCR's CDC Data Quality Audit will take place in March 2011. They will focus on treatment completeness and accurate implementation of Multiple Primary and Histology Rules.

### **Cancer Division Update**

Lou-Ann Carter provided a Cancer Division update. She noted that there have been several staff changes within DHEC. Dr. Mike Byrd, Chronic Disease Bureau Director, has retired and his position will be posted in the next few months. Dick Hatfield, Dr. Waddell's Assistant Deputy Commissioner, has also retired and Mr. Mike Chappelle, Regional Health Director for the Orangeburg area, has taken that position. Within the Cancer Division, Jan Viars, Best Chance Network Director, has retired and her position is posted. Mary Kelly, the BCN Quality Assurance Coordinator, has completed her TERI and is working hourly for a few months as new staff transition into that position. Lou-Ann introduced Susan Jackson, who is the new Quality Assurance Coordinator.

Lou-Ann announced that the Cancer Division has learned that the state funding for BCN and for the SCOPE SC program, will not be renewed for this fiscal year. BCN will continue with the federal CDC funds, but screening for women aged 40-46 has stopped. SCOPE SC has funds remaining and will continue through November. At that time, the program will end.

Finally, Lou-Ann reported that the Division has applied for two CDC funding opportunities; the first is to assist with BCN recruitment. The second is to increase resources and partnerships to address policy and environmental strategies for Comprehensive Cancer Control. Both applications are still under review at CDC.

Susan Jackson reported on the Medicaid Treatment Act statistics for the current year. As of June 30, there were 582 active patients enrolled through Option 1 and 943 active cases enrolled in Option 3. The Act continues to provide a valuable resource for covering treatment of women diagnosed with breast cancer. There is some concern that DHHS might opt out of the program due to lack of state matching funds. However, they continue to support the program for the foreseeable future.

Sonya Younger reported on SCOPE SC colorectal screening numbers for the first year of the project and for the second year to date. She reported that 683 screening codes had been issued and the program was on track to complete 800 colonoscopies by the time funds were exhausted. There are now seven centers providing services. Lou-Ann reported that the USC Cancer Prevention and Control Program was under contract with DHEC to initiate an evaluation of Year 01 of SCOPE SC. The evaluation will focus on quality of screening and adenomatous polyp detection rates. If additional funding were to be identified for SCOPE SC in the future, the Medical Quality Assurance Committee will be reconstituted to advise on detection rates, and colonoscopy quality standards.

### **SCCA Update**

In the absence of John and Ginie, Tom reported that the SCCA was holding its Fall meeting on October 7 and 8 in Charleston. The focus of the meeting is on partnerships and cancer plan implementation. DHEC regional staff will have displays on their local cancer plan implementation projects (brief descriptions were provided) and MUSC staff will report on the cancer plan evaluation project and on progress toward updating the cancer plan. Registration is still open and can be completed on the SCCA web site.

### **Other Business**

**Membership Issues:** Debbie noted that there are a number of vacancies on the CCAC. Lynn Erdman has been appointed to fill the ACS vacancy, but five additional slots need to be filled. Staff and members have identified possible replacements. Debbie named them and asked members to think about other possibilities. Since a quorum was not present recommendations were not voted on. Debbie asked those present to think about these and additional names. Tom will send an e-mail to the membership to solicit additional names and contact those recommended to ascertain their interest. Names will be forwarded to the Commissioner for approval in time to join the CCAC for the first meeting in 2011.

Debbie also noted that CCAC elections had not been held in a few years. She is willing to continue as chair, but wanted to poll the membership to see if there was interest in others holding the position and running for chair. Tom will poll the members in the same e-mail soliciting new members. If there is interest in having new leadership, elections will be held via e-mail later in the year.

**2011 Meetings:** This is the last scheduled meeting for 2010. Members present were interested in continuing with three scheduled meetings per year: two conference calls and one face-to-face meeting. Tom provided a calendar and those present recommended meetings be held in the second Thursday of February, May, and September at 2 PM. The February and May meetings will be conference calls and the September meeting will be in-person. Tom will send out a schedule in the next couple of weeks.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 PM. Next meeting via conference call on February 10 at 2 PM.