

Draft Minutes
DHEC Cancer Control Advisory Committee
Conference Call – May 13, 2010

Members Present: Debbie Seale (Chair), Tony Alberg, Judy Bibbo, Karen Brooks, Mike Byrd, Margaree Crosby, Bz Giese, Lynn Ivey, Drew Monitto, Susan Outen, David Rice, John Ureda,

Members Not Present: Spencer Disher, Jr., John Funke, Stephen Madden, Nancy Windham

Announced Absences: William Gilchrist, Steve Gresham, James Maynard, Lathran Woodard

DHEC Staff Present: Susan Bolick, Lou-Ann Carter, Ginie Daguisse, Tom Gillette, Mary Kelly, Jan Viars, and Sonya Younger

Welcome and Introductions

Debbie Seale, Chair, welcomed the participants noted that our first conference call in February had been deemed successful so we are holding another. We will still plan to meet face to face for the September meeting. Tom Gillette read the roll and recorded those present.

Minutes

Last Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved.

Surveillance Subcommittee

Dr. Alberg reported the subcommittee had met in March in Charleston and that two data requests for cancer registry data were reviewed and approved: One from Loma Linda University and one from the Research Triangle Institute.

Central Cancer Registry.

Susan Bolick reported that the Cancer Registry had once again received Gold Certification from the North American Association of Central Cancer Registrars. This was for the 2007 SC Central Cancer Registry data. Susan also reported that Cancer in South Carolina, USA 1996-2005: South Carolina Central Cancer Registry Ten Year Report, the first report from the SCCR containing ten years of cancer data (1996-2005), has been published and is available on the DHEC web site. This monograph covers the first full ten years of cancer surveillance in South Carolina, and includes data and statistics for cancer incidence, mortality, and survival. This report focuses on fifteen major types of cancer: oral, esophagus, colon/rectum, liver, pancreas, lung, melanoma, female breast, cervix, prostate, bladder, brain, non-Hodgkin lymphoma, adult leukemia, and childhood leukemia. Statistics are also broken down by county. Susan also shared the latest copy of the cancer registry newsletter with members.

Cancer Division Update

Best Chance Network: Jan Viars that BCN continued to experience a tremendous increase in screening requests. Requests for service are exceeding funding available from state and federal

sources. We have had to limit the issuing of prior authorization codes and providers are waiting a month or more to schedule screening appointments. 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. Staff has also requested unexpended federal funds that were available from previous years to assist with resources. Staff is continuing to monitor the situation, but funding is severely limited due to increased requests. Lou-Ann Carter noted that DHEC has requested continued state funding for BCN services for women ages 40-46 for the fiscal year starting in July. Our partners, including the SC Cancer Alliance and the American Cancer Society, are advocating for this continued funding, but the uncertainty regarding available state funds is problematic. Bz Giese also noted that the Department of Health and Human Services is also reviewing their state funding situation for the coming year and is looking at the possibility of having to limit funding for Titles 1 and 3 of the Medicaid Treatment Act starting in July. No decision has been made as yet.

Mary Kelly reported on the Medicaid Treatment Act statistics for the current year. As of March 30, there were 536 active patients enrolled through Option 1 and 1,015 active cases enrolled in Option 3. The Act continues to provide a valuable resource for covering treatment of women diagnosed with breast cancer.

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 665 patients had completed colonoscopies and three colon cancers were detected in Year 01. For Year 02, a total of 208 colonoscopies have been completed to date. Carolina Health Centers in Greenwood and Little Rover Health Center have initiated contracts for Year 02 and are just now beginning to provide services. Beaufort-Jasper Community Health Center is in the process of completing the contracts with colonoscopists and laboratories. They should be able to begin screening in the next several weeks. DHEC has requested state funds to continue to program in the next fiscal year beginning July 1.

SCCA Update

John Ureda reported that the SCCA is hosting its member meeting, "Cancer Care in South Carolina," on Tuesday, June 22, 2010, in Clemson, S.C. This 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. event will feature multiple keynote speakers and information on current cancer education resources that reflect the recent changes to the health care industry. John also reported that the SCCA has made decisions on the projects to be funded during the coming fiscal year to address state cancer plan objectives. The SCCA coordinating council approved six projects totaling \$42,148. They are holding \$17,852 in additional funds for additional projects.

Other Business

Debbie noted that there are a number of vacancies on the CCAC. The American Cancer Society has recommended that their vacancy be filled by Lynn Erdman, Vice President of Medical Affairs for the South Atlantic Division. The CCAC concurred and we will recommend that the Commissioner appoint her to fill that slot. Tom will bring a list of additional vacancies to the next meeting for discussion.

Next meeting will be on Thursday September 9 at 2 PM at the American Cancer Society office in Columbia.