

**FLORIDA CANCER CONTROL AND RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**Friday, October 28, 2022, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

**Council Members in Attendance**

- Representative Linda Chaney - House Speaker's Appointee
- Christopher Cogle, MD - Senate President's Appointee
- Patricia Geddie, PhD, APRN-CNS, AOCNS - Florida Nurses Association
- Clement Gwede, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN - Moffitt Cancer Center (Chair)
- Erin Kobetz, PhD - Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center University of Miami (Vice Chair)
- Joseph Ladapo, MD - Florida's Surgeon General, Florida Department of Health
- Merritt Martin - House Speaker's Appointee
- Mitchell Peabody, DO - Florida Osteopathic Medical Association
- Nitesh Paryani, MD - Florida Medical Association
- Ramzi Salloum, PhD - University of Florida Health Cancer Center
- Amy Smith, MD - Governor's Appointee
- Megan Wessel, MPH - American Cancer Society (**Maria Cabrera substitute**)

**Council Members Not in Attendance**

- Asher Chanan-Khan, MD - Florida Hospital Association
- Mike Diaz, MD - Association of Community Cancer Centers

**Others**

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| • Tiffany Albury        | • Susan Harbin        | • Antoria Moten      |
| • Ellen Anderson        | • Monique Hernandez   | • Lauren Nahodyl     |
| • Daniel Armstrong      | • Carissa Hickok      | • Sandy Noel         |
| • Leanne Bailey         | • Jennie Jones        | • Ken Peach          |
| • Luis Basualdo         | • Till Krenz          | • Keshia Reid        |
| • Jessica Beckstrand    | • Christine Kucera    | • Phillip Reisman    |
| • Nichole Bedell        | • Heather Lake-Burger | • Kristin Reshard    |
| • Jamie Bloyd           | • Paul Ledford        | • Jordon Schagrin    |
| • Sakinatou Bougouma    | • David Lee           | • Tammy Semelsberger |
| • Wayne Brisbane        | • Ming Lee            | • Thomas Stringer    |
| • Laura Corbin          | • Valerie Lee         | • Chris Sugg         |
| • Alexia Denton         | • Gary Levin          | • Deana Tharpe       |
| • Kathleen Diaz         | • Ashley Lyerly       | • Lynn Vinson        |
| • Felisha Dickey        | • Justice Mbizo       | • Jamie Wilson       |
| • Natalie Erasme        | • Bobbie McKee        | • Jason Wilson       |
| • Linda Friedlander     | • Kim Millrood        |                      |
| • Bonnie Gaughan-Bailey | • Leah Mitchem        |                      |
|                         | • Kyle Mobley         |                      |

## **Welcome**

Dr. Clement Gwede began by welcoming members and guests, taking a moment to reaffirm the Council's mission to advise the state on ways to reduce cancer burden, and reviewing the day's agenda. Council members introduced themselves. Several Council members' terms are expiring this year. Merritt Martin joined the Council as the House Speaker's new appointee.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Gwede presented the minutes from May 20, 2022. Dr. Ramzi Salloum made a motion to accept the minutes. Dr. Erin Kobetz seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The Council concurred with no objections.

## **Highlights of Florida's Cancer Burden**

Dr. Gwede discussed Florida's cancer burden and the health equity focus of the 2020-2025 Florida Cancer Plan. He reviewed the long-term vision of cancer in Florida. There was discussion regarding lung cancer lethality and low screening rates in Florida and the US. There was discussion regarding the cancer mortality disparity in the Panhandle.

## **State Cancer Data Workgroup Update**

Dr. Erin Kobetz and Dr. David Lee introduced an update on Florida's State Cancer Data Workgroup. The Florida Cancer Plan includes an objective to form a state cancer data workgroup consisting of key stakeholders to develop strategies for adding cancer biology data, social determinants of health data, cancer screening data, and precancerous cervical pathology test results (CIN2/3, CIS) to the state cancer registry (Objective 2.1). The Workgroup has developed four sub-groups to focus on Cancer Plan Objective 2.2, Objective 2.3, Objective 2.4 and Objective 2.6. Gary Levin provided an update on the workgroup focused on Objective 2.2, which focuses on adding cancer biology data to the registry. Dr. David Lee provided an update on Objective 2.3, which focuses on adding social determinants of health and additional patient demographic data to the registry. Dr. Monique Hernandez provided an update on Objective 2.4, with focus on the addition of cancer screening items to the registry. Dr. Hernandez also provided an update on Objective 2.6, which focuses on increasing access and utilization of registry data.

There was discussion regarding the relevance and importance of enhancing the state cancer registry. There was discussion regarding the eventual need for additional resources for FCDS. The sub-groups will begin to develop pilots and/or implementation strategies for each of the four objectives. This will help inform determinations of resource needs and development of timelines moving forward.

## **State Health Improvement Plan & CRC Campaign Updates**

Dr. Chris Cogle provided an update on the cancer-related goals and objectives being discussed by the Chronic Disease Priority Area Workgroup for the Florida State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP). The goal is to reduce new cases of cancer and cancer-related illness, disability, and death. Objectives are focused on lung cancer, breast cancer, prostate cancer and colorectal cancer. Dr. Cogle asked for CCRAB's participation in helping to facilitate workgroup discussions related to cancer and engagement of additional stakeholders to join efforts. Dr. Cogle also discussed new structures being created and the managed care efforts to incentivize colorectal cancer screening.

## **Department of Health Updates**

Dr. Joseph Ladapo discussed the new Cancer Connect initiative created by First Lady Casey DeSantis in partnership with the Florida Department of Health (DOH) and Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA). Florida Cancer Connect is a centralized resource hub for cancer patients, caregivers, and loved

ones of those involved. Dr. Ladapo shared information on The Facts. Your Future. program, which directly engages youth in Florida to improve their understanding of the life-altering effects of drug abuse and empowers teens to reach their full potential. Dr. Ladapo also discussed bridging gaps in clinical care using multiple disciplines to help patients. Laura Corbin provided an update on the DOH Comprehensive Cancer Control program's new five-year CDC grant. Priorities identified include breast cancer, colorectal cancer, tobacco, and survivorship. Identified goals will be state-wide but the regional Cancer Control Collaboratives will have the opportunity to include additional goals in their workplans.

### **Regional Cancer Control Collaborative Spotlights**

Felisha Dickey shared that the six Regional Cancer Control Collaboratives are in the process of updating their workplans. Priorities are data driven. Environmental scans allow for further identification of local needs and appropriate evidence-based interventions. Ms. Dickey also provided an update on new staff members in Comprehensive Cancer Control program, Sandy Noel and Richard Williams.

### **Biomedical Research Advisory Council (BRAC) Update**

Dr. Danny Armstrong gave an update on the state's cancer research programs. Dr. Armstrong reviewed the Biomedical Council Advisory Council (BRAC) background and strategic plan development. The BRAC has adjusted grant funding levels and structure to allow for more projects to be funded with the current resources appropriated by the Legislature. The James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program will receive less funding due to changes in the Chiles Endowment Fund. The BRAC programs help with recruitment and have continued to attract the best and brightest applicants from numerous institutions across Florida. Additional resources for the BRAC programs would allow for more of these projects to be funded; much great science is left on the table each cycle due to limited resources. These programs have brought great science and great job creation. There was discussion regarding the funds needed to close the merit gap for the James and Esther King and Bankhead Coley programs, which continues to be a top priority for CCRAB. Dr. Armstrong also shared that the statutorily required Joint Committee for Cancer Centers of Excellence would be convening in the coming months to discuss potential revisions to the program's designation/re-designation criteria.

### **State Legislative Update & Discussion**

Susan Harbin, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN), shared that all state house and senate seats are up for reelection this year due to the redistricting process. Ms. Harbin reviewed ACS CAN's priority appropriations issues and efforts to expand coverage for biomarker testing in the upcoming legislative session. There was discussion regarding costs and insurance coverage for services that may be viewed as costly up front but could likely result in lower overall costs for a patient's care down the road.

### **Florida Palliative Care Coalition Update**

Paul Ledford provided an update on Florida Palliative Care Coalition efforts. The Coalition's goals are directly aligned with Florida Cancer Plan Goal 16: Achieve excellent quality of life for all Floridians with cancer and their caregivers from Day 1 of diagnosis, during treatment, and after treatment. The Coalition has four workgroups meeting regularly. There was discussion regarding the need to develop a palliative care definition in Florida statutes that also aligns with CMS.

### **State Cancer Plan Implementation – Pilot Funding Announcement**

Dr. Erin Kobetz announced that the offices of community outreach and engagement at Sylvester and Moffitt have joined forces to provide community implementation grant funding to the Regional Cancer

Control Collaboratives. All six Collaboratives will have the opportunity to apply for up to \$16,500. Projects must reflect local need and evidence-based work.

#### **CCRAB Elections**

Dr. Gwede and Dr. Kobetz have served a two-year term in their respective leadership roles as Chair and Vice Chair. All CCRAB members had the opportunity to submit nominations for these positions. Facing no opposition, Drs. Gwede and Kobetz will both serve another two-year term as Council Chair and Vice Chair.

#### **Comments**

Dr. Gwede invited any meeting attendees to make comments.

#### **Next CCRAB Meeting**

Dr. Gwede stated that the next CCRAB meeting will be in the Spring of 2023. Dr. Bobbie McKee will follow-up with Council members with additional information.

#### **Adjourn**

Dr. Gwede thanked everyone for participating. The meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM on October 28, 2022.