

MEETING MINUTES
Florida Cancer Control and Research Advisory Council Executive Committee
Tampa Airport Marriott
November 17th 2009

Executive Members Present:

Thomas J. George Jr., MD, FACP
University of Florida College of Medicine

Robert Cassell, MD, PhD
Florida Society of Clinical Oncology (FLASCO)

Susan Fleming
Florida Department of Health

Dorothy Parker, MHS
Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center

Representative Marti Coley
Florida House of Representatives

General Members Present:

JoAnne Bujnoski, DO
Florida Osteopathic Association

Executive Members Excused:

Eric Sandler, MD
Association of Pediatric Tumor Programs

Michael Kasper, MD, FACRO
American Cancer Society

Anna Giuliano, PhD
H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center

Lance F. Grenevicki, DDS, MD, FACS
Florida Dental Association

Guests Present:

Paul Hull
American Cancer Society

Megan Wessel
American Cancer Society

Welcome

Chair, Thomas J. George Jr., MD, FACP, opened the meeting with introductions. The purpose of the ad hoc executive meeting was to coincide with the concurrent FCPC meeting and to update the group with the status and progress of CCRAB since the last meeting.

Comprehensive Cancer Control

Dr. Thom George reported on a recent Comprehensive Cancer Control Resources Workshop proposal which was presented and discussed at the FCPC meeting. This proposal would solidify coordination of the Florida Cancer Council, CCRAB, Florida Cancer Plan Council, Department of Health, and regional stakeholders/Collaboratives. This approach would coordinate collaborative expectations, monitor programs, and eliminate the inefficiencies and duplication of efforts. The leadership would be housed either at Moffitt or the Department of Health. State cancer control collaboratives would be defined by geography. Collaboratives would establish their own needs and priorities while building stakeholder partnerships and regional legislative relationships. Central coordination would occur from the DOH-level to provide oversight, shared resources, and infrastructure for growth.

Appointment Process

Committee members continue to work with the Governor's office on filling vacant appointments within the Council.

Administrative Support

CCRAB Executive Director, Sue Middleton, accepted a position within the University of South Florida and is no longer with Moffitt/CCRAB. Members acknowledged the tremendous momentum she brought to CCRAB during her service and they hope to continue this progress. Moffitt Cancer Center is continuing to provide support for the ongoing workings of the Council until another Executive Director is identified.

CCRAB Statute Revision

Dr. Thom George led a discussion regarding the potential of CCRAB statute revisions. Discussions and revisions are ongoing and hope to facilitate streamline communications, reduce administrative redundancies, encourage the development of the regional collaboratives, while developing the infrastructure for the prioritization and implementation of the State Cancer Plan.

Representative Marti Coley (R- Dist. 7) reported she is interested in filing a bill in the 2010 Session to incorporate these changes. She mentioned the possibility of funding CCRAB from the Bankhead/Coley Research Program and asked for information regarding CCRAB's accomplishments and a draft version of the statute revision. Members will draft a larger bill to start with which will include a more comprehensive approach to the consolidation of cancer control and infrastructure within the state.

Members will continue to work on the revision and submit to Representative Coley upon completion. This will also be circulated amongst CCRAB general membership and FCPC partners for input.

Meeting adjourned 12:45.