**Delaware Cancer Consortium
Tobacco & Other Risk Factors Committee Meeting Minutes**

July 16 , 2013

American Cancer Society

New Castle, DE

**Attendees**

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| **Members** |  |
| Attended | Deborah Brown, American Lung Association of Delaware |
| Attended | Marianne Carter, Delaware State University |
| Attended | Jeanne Chiquoine, American Cancer Society |
| Did not Attend | Suchitra Hiraesave, Boys & Girls Club of Delaware |
| Attended | Patricia Hoge, American Cancer Society |
| Attended | Sandra Marquez, St. Francis Hospital |
| Did Not Attend  | Ayyappan Rajasekaran, Nemours Center for Childhood Cancer Research |
| Did Not Attend | Marco Ramos, Latin American Community Center |
| Attended | Dr. Karyl Rattay, Delaware Division of Public Health |
| Did Not Attend | Cathy Scott-Holloway, Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition |
| Did Not Attend | William Bowser, DCC Advisory Council Chair |

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| **Staff** |  |
| Attended | Fred Gatto, Delaware Division of Public Health |
| Attended | Melissa Pryor, Delaware Division of Public Health |
| Did Not Attend  | Lisa Moore, Delaware Division of Public Health |
| Attended | Helen Arthur, Delaware Division of Public Health |
| Did Not Attend | Richard Killingsworth, Delaware Division of Public Health |
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| **Public Attendees/Other** |  |
| Attended |  |
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**Review of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Meeting minutes for May were approved with amendments

**Old & New Business**

**Welcome**

Patricia called the meeting to order. The May 21, 2013 minutes were approved by the committee to include Marianne Carters amendment.

**Policy Updates**

House Bill 71 would amend the current youth access to tobacco law to include possession and use of tobacco by minors. HB 71 is not supported by the committee. The reasons HB 71 is not supported is there is no evidence of the effect of possession laws-there are more evidence based policies interventions that would help reduce tobacco use by minors such as increasing the excise tax on tobacco products, the law would make it easier to “profile” certain minority youth, deflect enforcement of retailers, and put an undue burden on the judicial system HB 71 has been tabled by the house judiciary committee. Rep. Ramone, is working to see if he can come up with a compromise for his bill.

 House Bill 138 would increase excise tax on other tobacco products (OTP) the bill was voted on in committee and would not have passed. One of the legislators asked if the bill could be tabled and it was agreed upon for the bill to be tabled. E-cigarette representatives were present during committee meeting voicing their opinion that they felt the way the bill was written that e-cigarettes would considered a tobacco product. Representatives from the Division of Revenue sated that e-cigarettes were not included in the bill. Representative Barbieri said he would make an exception to exclude E-cigarettes from the OTP bill to clarify the concerns. Dr. Rattay stated that she would talk with staff from other state agencies involved to see what could be done to get the agencies on the same page and educate them about what DPH feels are best practices.

An amendment to Senate Bill 112 (to allow State Lottery machines in veteran organizations) would extend the Clean Indoor Air Act provision to those establishments which would make them non-smoking was introduced but did not pass.

Senate Bill 94 (making it illegal for minor under 18 to use tanning devises) has been tabled. There will be a strategy meeting on September 24 to work with stakeholders to gather information to advocate in favor of bill. Bill will be presented again in January. The committee motioned to support SB 94, a vote was taken; all present were in favor of supporting the bill.

Patricia asked Dr. Rattay if she could look into The Division of Public Health becoming a supporter of SB 94 as well. Dr. Rattay said she will look into it.

**Public Health Actions Grant Application**

The basic grant has been received. The state was approved for the enhanced grant but not funded. The Basic grant covers PANO, Diabetes, Cardiovascular and School Health. Enough funding has been received to continue and fund current programs. DPH will be working with DOE to meet guidelines.

**CHPDP Updates**

At the last meeting the first Healthy Community award recognition ceremony took place. Multiple and diverse communities were recognized. Helen said that committee 3 priority area is to enhance and cultivate the “Healthy Community Award” so it can continue to be awarded to the communities.

Marianne Carter asked if anyone from the council requested funds from the extra money found in the budget.

Dr. Rattay said that the extra budget money was prioritized and was funded to different agencies that needed it such as mental health. Dr. Rattay said there is a slight possibility to receive some funds from the CMMI grant.

**“Keep the Beat”**

The sponsor has been I identified for the challenge. Marianne Carter said she is 99% sure the sponsor is going to be Christiana Care Health Systems. The challenge will be introduced in the News Journal and run from September 10 to November 25 focusing on 150 minutes of physical activity a week

**Other**

A document showing the tobacco settlement agreement funds provided through the Delaware Health Fund used toward the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) “best practices” recommendations was handed out. The FY 14 estimate is $8.3 million. This is down from FY 13 estimates of $9.2 million. Funding for most line items from the master settlement funds in HB 200 (budget bill) were cut by almost 10% from last year.

Along with the meeting agenda and minutes from the previous committee meeting, the following documents were provided at this meeting and are available upon request from Fred Gatto at 302-744-1010 or email Fred.Gatto@state.de.us.

**Documentation**

* FY 14 Delaware Tobacco Control Budget

**Future Meeting(s)**

The next Delaware Cancer Consortium Tobacco and Other Risk Factors Committee meeting: September 19th 9:30 AM at the ACS building in New Castle

The November meeting for the Tobacco & Other Risk Factors Committee will be on Monday, November 18, 2013 at Delaware Tech and Community College in Dover at 10:00.