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

**Approved - Minutes**

March 24, 2014

Delaware Technical and Community College

Dover, DE

**Attendees**

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| **Members** |  |
| Did Not Attend | 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 |
| Attended | Dr. Karyl Rattay, Delaware Division of Public Health |
| Attended | Cathy Scott-Holloway, Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition |

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| **Staff** |  |
| Attended | Fred Gatto, Delaware Division of Public Health |
| Attended | Melissa Pryor, Delaware Division of Public Health |
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| **Public Attendees/Other** |  |
|  | Bill Bowser, Delaware Cancer Consortium Chair |
|  | Lisa Moore, Delaware Division of Public Health |
|  | Christy Wright, Delaware Division of Public Health |
|  | Richard Killingsworth, Delaware Division of Public Health |

**Review of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Meeting minutes for January were approved with a change to the best practices sentence and a name misspelling for Bob Laskowski.

**Old & New Business**

**Welcome**

Patricia called the meeting to order. The January 16, 2014 minutes were approved with a change to the best practices sentence and a name misspelling for Bob Laskowski.

**DHFAC Update**

During the last meeting the Delaware Health Fund Advisory Committee (DHFAC) approved the DPH fiscal year 2015 (FY 15) application of $3.7 million. However, the Governor’s recommended budget (SB 175) has the same level of funding as fiscal year 2014 which is $1.4 million less than requested. Marian Carter asked if it is to late to advocate for more funding, Fred said he does not think it is to late, its up to advocates if they want to do push for more funding. The final budget for FY 15 will be on June 30, 2014.

The Delaware Cancer Consortium will be provided the requested level of funding in SB 175.

It is anticipated that approximately $1.5 million of funding that was formerly used for cancer treatment will be saved due to the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The DCC plans to use $1 million for lung cancer screening and the rest ($500.0) for innovative tobacco prevention efforts. The DCC advisory committee met just prior to this committee meeting and asked Patricia to have our committee come up with a plan on how to use the $500.0 on innovation programs. The committee had discussion that entered around prevention initiation by youth and young adults. The committee will look at the data and evidence based that will most likely be presented at the DCC Summit on April 15th.

**Liaison for DCC Early Detection and prevention sub-committee**

Lisa Moore will attend the next Early Detection meeting in May to discuss the quit line. The Early Detection committee also requested that Jeanne be a liaison between the two committees. Jeanne suggested that Medicaid be a subject of the discussion as well because a high percentage of smokers receive Medicaid.

**Policy Updates**

* **Letter of Support for HB94 (Tanning Bill):** The DCC will be sending a letter to all members of the Delaware legislature asking them to support HB 94. Bill stated that the letter from the DCC be separate letter and not adding the DCC to a letter combined with other agencies and organizations.
* **HB 241 E-cigarettes amendment to the youth access law**: This bill will amend the state youth access to tobacco law to make selling e-cigarettes to youth (under 18 years old) illegal. The bill would add a new definition, “tobacco substitutes”, which would cover e-cigarettes. There was discussion that while all the health advocates support the intent of the bill, some would rather see the current definition for “tobacco products” be amended to include e-cigarettes. A suggestion was made to include the e-cigarettes cartridges and refills. HB 241 was voted out of the Judiciary committee on March 19th. [NOTE: passed in the house on April 10th].

As of the committee meeting, the FDA had not released anticipated regulations regarding e-cigarettes. [NOTE: On April 24th the FDA proposed a rule to cover tobacco products that are currently unregulated including e-cigarettes. The proposed rule will be available for public comment for 75 days. For more info go to the FDA website <http://www.fda.gov/>]

* **Other Policy topics:**
	+ E-Cigarettes in the Clean Indoor Air Act (CIAA): The committee, while not opposed to the idea, discussed there would be strong opposition from the tobacco industry and e-cigarette advocates. [NOTE: HB 309 was introduced and assigned to the Health & Human Development Committee on April 29th. This bill would amend the CIAA to include e-cigarettes]
	+ Taxing e-cigarettes: Discussion took place on possibly taxing e-cigarettes. This may be brought up at a later date so as not to interfere with the chances of HB 241. Bill suggested that once efforts are made to tax e-cigarettes to include the re-fill liquid/cartridges.

**CDC Best Practices**

 The 3rd version of the *Best Practices for Comprehensive Tobacco Control Programs* was released in January 2014. The best practices are evidence based findings from other states and countries. The funding recommendations for Delaware have been revised. The new recommended annual funding level for Delaware is $13.0 million which is slightly lower than the previous recommendation of $13.9 million.

**CHPDP Update**

The Governor’s Council on Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (CHPDP) is working to streamline and focus on what the work of the committees will do. The council will be focused on four specific topic areas; tobacco prevention, nutrition, physical activity and sustainability. Rich asked Patricia if she would be willing to come forward and present HB 241to the council and Patricia suggested that it should be Dr. Hassink who presents it to the council.

**PANO Update**

* Laura Saperstein is the new program manager for PANO (Physical Activity, Nutrition and Obesity Prevention).
* DE HEAL is in the process of reorganizing to be better positioned to become a non-profit organization. They are working on by-laws and leadership structure.
* The DE HEAL annual meeting will be on May 15th @ 9:00 at the Duncan Center.
* DE HEAL is reviewing applications for the 2nd Annual Community Health Promotion Recognition. Selected communities will be honored at a recognition ceremony on May 20th at the Biggs Museum. The recognition program is a joint program with DE HEAL and CHPDP.

**DCC update**

The annual retreat is April 15th at Dover Downs. The retreat will be focused on tobacco and lung cancer. Dr. Jeffery Wigand is the keynote speaker. Dr. Wigand is a former tobacco industry scientist who exposed tobacco industry tactics. His story was made into a movie, *The Insider*. Other speakers include Steven Babb from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Bruce Christiansen from the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health.

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**

* “Best practices” summary
* HB 241
* SB 175 (GRB) Tobacco Settlement Agreement section.

**Future Meeting(s)**

The March meeting for the Tobacco & Other Risk Factors Committee is **Thursday, May 22** from 10:00am to 11:30am at Delaware Tech and Community College, Dover Delaware. There will be a lunch time presentation of the Cancer Incidence and Mortality Report. **Note this is a change in date from the original schedule.**