**Participants**

**Delaware Cancer Consortium**

**Advisory Council**

**October 14, 2019**

**Minutes-APPROVED**

**The Outlook at the Duncan Center**

**500 West Loockerman Street**

**Dover, DE**



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| **Members** |  |
| Attended | Katy Connolly - Chair |
| Attended | Heather Bittner-Fagan – Christiana Care Health System |
| Did not attend | Ruth Briggs-King – DE House of Representatives |
| Attended | Deborah Brown, CHES – American Lung Association |
| Attended | Joe Bryant – Governor’s Office |
| Did not attend | Stephen Grubbs, MD – American Society of Clinical Oncologists |
| Did not attend | Bethany Hall-Long, RNC, PhD – University of Delaware/Delaware Lt. Governor |
| Attended | Ernesto Lopez – Delaware Senate |
| Did not attend | Meg Maley, RN, BSN – Welldoc, Inc. |
| Did not attend | David McBride – Delaware Senate |
| Attended | Nicholas Petrelli, MD –Christiana Care - Helen F. Graham Cancer Center |
| Attended | Jill Williams-Hall for Tim Ratsep - DNREC |
| Attended | Karyl Rattay, MD – DE Department of Health and Social Services - DPH |
| Attended | Rishi Sawhney, MD – Bayhealth Medical Center |
| Did not attend | Ray Seigfried – DE House of Representatives |
| Attended | James Spellman, MD, FACS, FSSO – Beebe Medical Center - Tunnell Cancer Center |
| **Staff** |  |
| Attended | Heather Brown – Delaware Division of Public Health |
| Attended | Dale Goodine – Delaware Division of Public Health |
| Did not attend | Helen Arthur – Delaware Division of Public Health |
| Attended | Cassandra Codes-Johnson – Delaware Division of Public Health |
| Attended | Rosemary Doughten – Delaware Division of Public Health |
| Attended | Jessica Miles – Delaware Division of Public Health |
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| **Public/Guests** |  |
| Attended | Suzanne Raab-Long – DE Healthcare Association |
| Attended | Lori Saul – Quality Insights |
| Attended | Jim Talbott – Delaware Division of Public Health |
| Attended | Erica Boule – Nemours |
| Attended | Allison Gil – American Cancer Society |
| Attended | Kate Mastalski – American Cancer Society |
| Attended | Sarah Toborowski – Quality Insights |
| Attended | Lisa Gruss – Quality Insights |
| Attended | Nora Katurakes – Christiana Care Health Services |
| Attended | Heather Entenmann – Merck Vaccines |
| Attended | Martin Luta – Division of Public Health |
| Attended | Cheryl Diday – Merck Vaccines |
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**Welcome/Review/Approval of minutes**

**Review/Approval of Minutes**

Chair, Ms. Katy Connolly began the meeting at 8:35 am. A motion was made to approve the minutes from the July 8, 2019 meeting. All members attending voted to approve the minutes as written.

**HPV 5-year plan update**

Mr. Jim Talbott, Division of Public Health Immunization Program Manager, provided an update on the status of the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) 5-year plan. He went on to review the recent 2018 National Immunization Survey (NIS-Teens) that was published in late August which included 18,700 adolescents aged 13-17. Of these adolescents; 8,928 were females, and 9,772 were males. According to the survey, there was an increase in the first dose of HPV from 65.1% to 68.1%. There was an increase in the up-to-date rates which rose from 48.6% to 51.1%. The up-to-date rates rose 4.4 percent in males as compared to 0.6% in females. The results from the survey also showed an increase in Medicaid Insurance coverage which was higher (74.4%) than Private Insurance (65.6%). Mr. Talbott discussed that the survey included a status report of provider recommendation of the HPV vaccination. The results indicate that Delaware is 8th in the nation for the prevalence of recommendation from the provider. According to the status report, 78.5% of those individuals reported receiving a recommendation from their provider; meanwhile, 52.7% of individuals have been vaccinated without a recommendation from their provider.

According to the NIS-Teens data, females who have received the first dose of the HPV vaccination has increased by 1.3%. Results show increases in the Black and Hispanic populations receiving the first dose of HPV immunization; however, there was a decrease in the White population for the years 2017 and 2018. NIS-Teens data confirms an increase of 5% in females receiving the second dose of the HPV vaccine. Data also shows there was a decrease in the third HPV vaccine dose in comparison to the second dose. Up-to-date HPV vaccination increased by 4% for females which puts Delaware approximately 10% higher than the national average.

Mr. Talbott continued with results of the HPV vaccinations for males which includes:

* 1st dose of HPV- slight decrease from 74.5% to 70.7%
* Aggregated results- slight decrease in Black population, and a large increase in Hispanic and White population.
* 2nd dose of HPV- slight decrease from 63% to 56.4%
* 3rd dose of HPV- slight decrease from 42.7% to 36.2%
* Series Completion/Up-to-date - slight decrease from 56.7% to 53.1%

Despite the results showing a slight decrease in males receiving the vaccination, Delaware is still above the National average. Mr. Talbott continued with the results from the most current HPV dashboard from the immunization information system (IIS). IIS results confirm a a small number of children ages 9-10 who had received the HPV vaccine versus those aged 11-12. Overall, there was an increase in vaccines given to those children age 11-12 which include 5,733 who received the first dose. 1,687 children were up-to-date on their vaccine and these rates were quite lower than those who received their first dose. Also, Mr. Talbott provided a comparison between the IIS and the NIS-Teens which shows the first dose was within 5% of the national average. This is the closest Delaware has been to the national average when discussing first dose. Delaware is within 10% of the national average for those children who are up-to-date. Continuing with results, a majority of shots being given by vaccines for children (VFC) providers and it has been reported that 465 providers are giving the vaccines. The New Castle County Detention Center was the top provider for providing the 1st dose of HPV vaccinations for more than 25 patients. Last year’s Champion for providing the most 1st dose HPV vaccinations was Nemours-Jessup Street, who came in second this year, and was the top provider for providing up-to-date HPV vaccinations.

Mr. Talbott reviewed the future HPV activities for 2020. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has implemented a new Immunization Quality Improvement Program that focuses on 25 percent of the programs that need assistance. Also, there will be collaboration with American Cancer Society that includes sharing resources, as well as providing outreach and communication. In addition, the 5-year plan includes:

* Meeting with school nurses to review the child survey rate
* Meeting with insurance providers on how they can assist with HPV coverage
* Quality Insights will continue to provide training
* Continuing to provide training on the Immunization Information System
* Data Reconciliation project is increasing by including Christiana Care to the contract
* Set up meetings with different colleges and universities throughout the State to create a consensus on immunization standards

Ms. Lisa Gruss, Quality Insights, provided a recruitment update in which they have contacted 100 sites. Out of the 100 sites approximately 35 sites were recruited, and 7 sites declined. Currently, they are trying to work with Christiana Care in regards education and data reconciliation. Many sites were interested in data reconciliation. These sites have transitioned from paper to electronic medical records and would like to be able to review their rates and move to a more sustainable model of improvement. Quality insights is also working with Nemours to capture date for those children up to age 13.

Highlights of Quality Insights success includes:

* Identifying champions earlier
* Pull in a multidisciplinary team
* Results of 1st dose HPV: Six-month follow-up
* Site 1- 62%/80%
* Site 2- 62%/62%
* Site 3- 58%/71%
* Site 4- 73%/82%
* Results 2 Up to Date HPV: Six- month follow-up
* Site 1- 42%/47%
* Site 2- 26%/34%
* Site 3- 9%/21%
* Site 4-36%/39%
* Practices with quality improvement initiatives engaged quickly but need to evaluate sustainability.
* Full office engagement from pediatrics

Ms. Gruss reviewed the HPV Data Reconciliation Pilot which included a 12% increase in the up-to-date HPV vaccination rates, and a 3% increase in the 1st dose HPV vaccination rates. Also, she reviewed the barriers to vaccination including:

* Not having enough staff
* Inadequate financial resources to supply the vaccines
* Provider may already have vaccine initiatives in place
* Policies in health systems may make it difficult to put initiatives in place

**Governor’s Action Plan - Prevention Strategies**

Mr. Joe Bryant with the Governor’s office provided a presentation on the Governor’s action plan which included a proposal on the development of a “road map to a healthier Delaware”. To continue in success with future collaboration, the Governor’s office believes there is a strong opportunity to align the Governors health initiatives with the Delaware Cancer Consortium’s (DCC) five-year action plan specifically in regard to addressing obesity and preventable chronic diseases. The Governor has included in his action plan the promotion of healthy lifestyles in addressing chronic disease, obesity, and the high cost of health care for state employees. Mr. Bryant continued with recognizing the efforts of the DCC in their support of raising the age of purchasing tobacco products from 18 to 21 years old.

Mr. Bryant continued that Governor’s office requests that the Cancer Risk Reduction Committee (CRRC), Chaired by Lt. Governor Bethany Hall-Long and Deborah Brown with the American Lung Association, be responsible for “developing a road map on how to implement healthy lifestyle initiatives”. The Governor is looking for these recommendations by June 30, 2020 to be considered for inclusion into the FY21 budget. The Governor is aware that the CRRC may need to expand membership or create a dedicated subcommittee to create this road map and would like to recommend a representative from various state agencies be added to the group to provide input, in addition to assistance from the Division of Public Health.

Mr. Bryant also reviewed eight healthy lifestyle initiatives (5 primary objectives and 3 secondary objectives) as part of the action plan. The first primary objective is centered on school health and the expansion of the FITNESS Gram Program to include:

1. Improved technical assistance to aid schools in Fitnessgram reporting
2. Ensuring proper equipment and personnel training for assessment
3. Establishing a web based reporting mechanism to enable older students to enter their own fitness data and generate reports
4. Clarifying opportunities to use resulting Fitnessgram data to drive and monitor other in school programming

Also, it would be focused on the comprehensive school physical activity program. This initiative is a systemic approach in which schools use all opportunities for school-based physical activity to develop physically educated students who are physically active for the nationally recommended 60 plus minutes each day and who develop the knowledge, skills, and confidence to be physically active for a lifetime. Lastly, is the Delaware School Breakfast and Lunch programs initiative which includes legislative efforts to sustain the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (HHFKA). The HHFKA food guidelines, aim to improve critical nutrition and serves as a hunger safety net for millions of children in the fight to end childhood obesity in a generation.

The second objective would focus on food procurement on State Property which will explore the need for a legislative process to authorize DHSS to establish a formal healthy vending policy for the state with the aim of improving health outcomes and reducing health care costs in state agencies. Also, there has been a significant amount of progress made between the Division for the Visually Impaired (DVI) and Canteen vending solutions for Delaware.

The third objective would be focused on healthy meeting food guidelines. This initiative includes creating a culture of health and wellness in meetings and conferences which is an important way to help people eat healthy, foster healthier work environments and cultivate social norms around healthier choices and behaviors. The fourth objective includes health and wellness among state employees.

The last primary objective is related to the build environment which includes encouraging healthy community design by using a Health in All Policies approach in collaborating across multiple disciplines such as transportation, urban planning, architecture, and public health law to develop guidelines, support pilot projects and educate current and future planners and public health professionals about designing healthier communities. Mr. Bryant stated for initiatives three, four, and five, the Governor’s office would like to ask the council to investigate the best practices and policies to achieving these objectives.

The first secondary objective includes healthy choices in SNAP. This initiative would allow for a multisector investigation of the impact of offering financial incentives at the point of sale in targeted retailers thereby making fruits and vegetables more affordable and to address key national public health objectives for reducing chronic disease, obesity and investigate approaches to reduce and eliminate access to sugar sweetened beverages. The second secondary objective would be to provide opportunities to support local farmers with developing new markets and to sell to local K-12 schools, hospitals, colleges, cafeterias and government agencies to educate communities about the value of eating and growing healthy, local food. The third secondary objective focuses on a review of the Child and Adult Care Food Program standards which aid in the provision of nutritious foods that contribute to wellness, healthy growth and development of young children and the health and wellness of older adults and chronically impaired disabled persons.

Mr. Bryant concluded that with the approval from the Advisory council, the CRRC would begin this effort by expanding membership and creating a subcommittee. The Governor’s office is willing to assist in outreach to the State agencies, and the subcommittee would need to coordinate with a Public Health Specialist from Division of Public Health, to utilize the resources within the Division.

Chair, Ms. Katy Connolly asked if there were any other questions regarding Mr. Bryant’s presentation and the formation of a Healthy Lifestyle subcommittee. Dr. Petrelli with Helen Graham Cancer Center asked, “if there are resources available for the subcommittee”, in which Mr. Bryant responded, “there was funding set aside for the subcommittee”. Dr. Jim Spellman motioned to approve the subcommittee, and Dr. Petrelli seconded. All members in attendance agreed to adding the subcommittee.

**FY19 Epilogue Contract Outcomes**

Ms. Heather Brown provided an update of outcomes for FY19 Epilogue contracts that are included in the budget of the DCC. There was a total of $396,100 awarded in the budget bill to Cancer Care Connection (CCC), Cancer Support Community (CSC), Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition (DBCC), and the American Lung Association (ALA). CCC was awarded $169,400 for FY19and opened a total of 174 new Delaware cases for FY19. A new “case” is notated as a unique caller to CCC to request assistance with obtaining information related to cancer care. Of the 174 cases there were 773 case contacts which is the number of times the case worker is in contact with the clients. Ms. Brown continued stating in FY19 CCC educated 52 applicants of the availability of the Delaware Cancer Treatment Program, and referred 98 clients to local agencies and organizations for assistance.

Ms. Brown shared that CSC was rewarded $120,500, and served 991 unduplicated clients as well as conducted 670 group support sessions, 39 education workshops, 1,183 healthy lifestyle sessions, 1,595 individual support sessions and 42 social events. ALA was awarded $41,900 and conducted community/private partnership strategy meetings with 667 attendees. Additionally, ALA had 1,089 attendees at school events, 1,082 attended community events, 10 people attended home environment events, and 210 attended events in a healthcare setting. Lastly, the DBCC was awarded $64,300 and within the fiscal year, DBCC conducted 117 Vida programs with 3503 attendees, provided 36 workshops for those with cancer, 42 workshops for cancer survivors, 12 educational classes with a total of 265 attendees, and 67 community educational programs with a total of 761 attendees.

**Delaware Cancer Treatment Program­– 1st Quarter update**

Ms. Heather Brown provided an update on the 1st Quarter enrollment and spending of Delaware Cancer Treatment Program (DCTP) in which she confirmed that as of this meeting there was adequate funding for the DCTP and are still in the position to fully fund clients being treated through the program through the end of July. The weekly batch payment right now is an average of $53,000. She added that currently, there are 56 people in the DCTP: 11 clients are temporarily eligible in which they will not be cover after December due to being eligible for the Health Insurance Marketplace. There are 26 people in the program who are on an approved financial hardship waiver, most of those are Medicare recipients. Dr. Petrelli asked “do the 26 fall under the 15% rule for co-pays”? Ms. Brown confirmed that yes they do fall into this category due to Medicare not having an out of pocket maximum which leads to 15% of their income never getting to the out of pocket max.

**Sharing Time**

Ms. Heather Brown shared that the DCC State Cancer Plan, otherwise referred to as the “orange book” notates that in years three and five the council’s objectives include the development of an accomplishments report to provide an update on goals and objectives being met. A draft of the accomplishments report will be presented at the January meeting and it is planned to be released at the July 2020 meeting at the same time the next Delaware Cancer Incidence and Mortality Report is released.

Ms. Katy Connolly took a moment to recognize Dr. Petrelli who was awarded the Tilton award from the Medical Society of Delaware. The Tilton award recognizes Dr. Petrelli’s efforts over the past 17 years to decrease Delaware’s cancer mortality rate and improve cancer care throughout the state.

**Public Comment**

No items were discussed.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 am.

**Attachments**



Meeting documentation is available on the DCC website (www.healthydelaware.org) or by contacting Jessica Miles (Jessica.Miles@delaware.gov or 302-744-1065).

**Future Meeting (s)**

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| **Next Meeting:**  **Monday, January 13, 2020**  **Corporate Training Center at Delaware Technical Community College**  **400 Campus Drive, Dover, DE 19904** | **Remaining 2020 meetings:**  **Monday, April 20, 2020**  **Monday, July 13, 2020**  **Monday, October 12, 2020** |