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

May 21, 2013

Delaware Tech 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 |
| Attended | Suchitra Hiraesave, Boys & Girls Club of Delaware |
| Did not Attend | Patricia Hoge, American Cancer Society |
| Attended | Sandra Marquez, St. Francis Hospital |
| Attended | 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 | John Ray, Delaware Department of Education |
| Attended | Cathy Scott-Holloway, Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition |
| Attended | William Bowser, DCC Advisory Council Chair |

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| **Staff** |  |
| Attended | Fred Gatto, Delaware Division of Public Health |
| Did Not Attend | Melissa Pryor, Delaware Division of Public Health |
| Attended | Lisa Moore, Delaware Division of Public Health |
| Attended | Helen Arthur, Delaware Division of Public Health |
| Attended | Richard Killingsworth, Delaware Division of Public Health |
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| **Public Attendees/Other** |  |
| Attended | Evelyn Hayes, University of Delaware (Plans to submit an application to become a member) |
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**Review of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Meeting minutes for March were approved

**Old & New Business**

**Welcome**

Fred Gatto called the meeting to order. The committee went around the room and introduce themselves. The March 20, 2013 minutes were approved by the committee.

**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.

[NOTE: HB 71 has been tabled by the house judiciary committee. Rep. Ramone, the bill sponsor, met with staff from the courts system, Department of Services for Children, Youth and their Families, DPH and tobacco prevention advocacy organizations on June 12th. He stated he wants to reduce youth smoking but he doesn’t want to put an undue burden on the court system and penalize minors too much. He asked about mandating tobacco cessation programs and/or tobacco prevention education for violators. He agreed to again table the bill which was up in the Judiciary committee right after the meeting. He wants to have further discussion once sometime this summer]

The House Bill 138, Other Tobacco Products (OTP) Tobacco Tax Equity is an effort to close the gap between the tax on OTP and cigarettes. This bill will allow an increase the tax on OTP from the current 15% of wholesale tax on most OTP and change the current weight based tax on moist snuff to 30% of wholesale for all OTP. All revenue over 3.5 million will go to the health fund.

[NOTE: HB 138, assigned to the House of Revenue and Finance Committee, was tabled during a meeting on June 5th. Opposition to the bill came from e-cigarette users, tobacco retailers and the tobacco industry lobby]

Bill Bowser suggested that the Delaware Cancer Consortium should become a sponsor and present an endorsement for House Bill 138.The committee members discussed drafting a letter of support for House Bill 138 from the DCC Council, There was a vote on this matter, all committee members present were in favor.

[NOTE: A letter of support was written and hand delivered to all legislators the day before to the June 5th committee hearing for HB 138.]

Richard Killingsworth and Dr. Rattay are going to present the bill to the Governor’s Council on Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (CHPDP) for support.

Jeanne Chiquoine informed the committee that the Federal Government proposed introducing a cigarette excise tax increase. The proposal would increase the excise tax from $1.01 per pack to $1.95 per pack. Revenue generated would go for education programs for children.

Senate Bill 94 has been introduced and will be in committee on June 19, 2013. SB 94 would amend the current tanning bed law to ban all minors from using tanning devices in tanning facilities.

Delaware State Housing Authority (DSHA) housing units in Dover will be smoke free as of October 1, 2013.

Jeanne Chiquoine informed the committee that Delaware is not going to change the insurance premium rate for current tobacco users.

**CHPDP Updates**

The CHPDP council committee is looking into the general fund as a source of revenue. Discussion has been brought up on how to obtain revenue from the tobacco settlement.

Dr. Rattay informed the committee of updates on the four CHPDP committees

* Work Group 1: Focusing on cardiovascular and diabetes prevention, identification, and management.
* Work Group 2: Working on Worksite Wellness Toolkit and policies
* Work Group 3: Working on Healthy Community awards (June 11, 2013)
* Work Group 4: Working on 5-2-1-almost none promotion and “Know Your Numbers”.

Dr. Rattay asked the DCC Tobacco and Other Risk Factors committee how the level of interest is for focusing on the other healthy behaviors such as physical activity, fruits and vegetables and obesity. The committee expressed their interest in other risk factors.

Dr. Raj brought up the correlation between sodium intake and higher cancer risk. He suggested this could be a focus of the committee.

**Public Health Actions Grant Application**

The Division of Public Health (DPH) submitted their application on April 8, 2013 for the Basic and Enhanced components of the grant. DPH expects to hear feedback on the application by June 1, 2013. All states that applied for this grant will receive the basic portions of the funding, and will have to compete for the enhanced portion of the grant. If the enhanced portion is received Delaware could be awarded up to 1.4 million dollars, only approximately 25 states will get the enhanced funding portion.

**Other**

Lisa Moore informed the committee that there is a draft MOU between Division of Public Health and Medicaid to reimburse governmental funds received back to the quite line for Medicaid insured individuals who use the quit line for tobacco cessation. The MOU is at Medicaid waiting for review.

The CDC has started a new social marketing add campaign for tobacco cessation, a 1-800- QUIT-NOW number is provided on these ads, when an individual from area code 302 calls this number they are then routed to the Delaware quite line.

Marianne Carter is working with the News Journal putting together another state wide challenge “Keep the Beat”. The challenge will be starting in mid September and will be 8 weeks long.

Dr. Rattay updated the committee on the CMMI grant received for Delaware. The grant focuses on the redesign of Primary Care, Patient Medical Home, Population Health Work Stream, Payment Reform, Workforce Development, Data and Analytical delivery and Policy.

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](mailto:Fred.Gatto@state.de.us).

**Documentation**

* Copy of House Bill 138 (<http://legis.delaware.gov/LIS/LIS147.nsf/vwLegislation/HB+138?Opendocument>)
* Copy of House Bill 71 (<http://legis.delaware.gov/LIS/LIS147.nsf/vwLegislation/HB+71?Opendocument>)
* Copy of Senate Bill 94 <http://legis.delaware.gov/LIS/LIS147.nsf/vwLegislation/SB+94?Opendocument>

**Future Meeting(s)**

The next Delaware Cancer Consortium Tobacco and Other Risk Factors Committee meeting: July 16, 2013 at 9:30 at the American Cancer Society in New Castle.

September meeting TBD.

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.