**Attendees**

**Delaware Cancer Consortium**

**Early Detection & Prevention Committee**

**October 10, 2022**

**DRAFT - Minutes**

**Virtual Meeting**



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| **Members** |  |
| Did not participate | Vikas Batra, MD, FACP, FC – Sussex Pulmonary & Endocrine Consultants, PA |
| Participated | Heather Bittner-Fagan, MD, MPH – Christiana Care Health System |
| Did not participate | Emanie Dorival – Ephphatha Medical Care |
| Participated | Tiffany Edwards – Sussex County Health Coalition |
| Participated | Allison Gil, American Cancer Society |
| Did not participate  participate | Vinett Gudsoorkar – Bayhealth Medical Center |
| Participated | Stephen Grubbs, MD – American Society of Clinical Oncology |
| Did not participate | Nora Katurakes, RN, MSN, OCN – ChristianaCare |
| Participated | Susan Kelly, MD – ChristianaCare Women’s Health |
| Did not participate | Lauren Moore, Tidal Health, Nanticoke |
| Participated | Sue Murray, DE Breast Cancer Coalition |
| Participated | Carolee Polek, RN, MSN, PhD – DE Diamond Chapter of the Oncology Nursing Society |
| Participated | Albert Rizzo, MD, FACP, FCCP – Christiana Care Health System |
| Participated | Robert Sikes, PhD. – University of Delaware |
| Participated | Sarah Toborowski – Quality Insights |
| Did not participate | Trina Turner—Bayhealth Cancer Institute |
| Participated | Rita Williams – Beebe Healthcare |
| Did not participate | Crystal Wright – Henrietta Johnson Medical Center |
| Did not participate | Michael R. Zaragoza, MD, FACS – Delaware Prostate Cancer Coalition |
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| **Staff** |  |
| Participated | Rosemary Doughten – Delaware Division of Public Health |
| Participated | Maxwell Amoako – Delaware Division of Public Health |
| Participated | Christina Gardner – Delaware Division of Public Health |
| Participated | Sierra Martinez – Delaware Division of Public Health |
| Participated | Taylor Wright – AB&C (Delaware DPH Contractor) |
| Participated | Sue Mitchell – Delaware Division of Public Health |
| Participated | Lisa Rohlfing – Delaware Division of Public Health |
| Participated | Dawn Hollinger – Delaware Division of Public Health |
| Participated | Kurt Olinger – Delaware Division of Public Health |
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| **Public/Guests** |  |
| Participated | Judy Giddens, LPN – Bayhealth Institute |
| Participated | Christinette Dixon, MHA – CDC Foundation |
| Participated | Robyn Biehn – ChristianaCare |
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**Welcome/Review/Approval of minutes**

**Review/Approval of Minutes**

Chair Dr. Bittner-Fagan began the meeting at 10:02 am. A motion was made by Dr. Stephen Grubbs to approve the July 2022 minutes, seconded by Ms. Carolee Polek, and all participating approved the minutes as written.

## Healthy Homes Update

The Healthy Homes update presentation was given by Mr. Kurt Olinger, Administrator for the Office of Healthy Environments. The Office of Healthy Environments includes the Healthy Homes Program, Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, Radon Awareness Program, and the Occupational Health Program. Major activities include a multimedia campaign for general awareness (in the forms of print ads, radio ads, and web banners). Healthy Homes provides statewide hazard assessments, telephone conversations with citizens that call in with questions or concerns about their indoor environment and their living condition. Healthy Homes also supplies purchased equipment such as cleaning supplies to help solve indoor health hazards for people who may not be able to afford them and directs citizens to resources within the State that may be able to help with their current condition(s). Looking over last year’s budget, the breakdown is as follows: 35% to Home Assessments and Education, 18% to Blood Lead Analyzers for DPH Mobile Health Units, 11% Outreach through Advertising, 15% Computer Supplies, 13% Internal Charges, and 5% Storage of Supplies. The total number of venues reached in 2022 were 28 and there was a total of 572 people engaged. Information in the form of flyers, brochures, etc. was provided to over 600 people. There were 11 people that attended a virtual class on Cleaning Safely to Reduce Home Health Hazards, and 162 in-person that attended the class year-to-date. There were over 90 phone consultations with contractors to families, and the number of families impacted by giving cleaning supplies was over 100. There was a total of over 1,700 phone consultation with the Division of Public Health in 2022, with a majority of those being mold and bed bugs. Mr. Olinger shared a success story from the Latin American Community Center (LACC). The LACC is the only community organization in Delaware with a full-time, specially trained Healthy Homes & Lead Poisoning Prevention Outreach Coordinator. LACC is uniquely positioned to address home hazards since members of its’ community are especially vulnerable from a myriad of public health concerns, particularly when it comes to the indoor health hazards in their homes. The media campaign reaches a lot of people statewide with general information. The one-on-one and phone consultations help to address the specific issues people have, and that increases knowledge. The vast majority of the phone calls received are from people who rent, which means they are not always in the situation, or have the means to improve a living situation that they are in. One of the barriers to improving these situations is funding, which is not for the Healthy Homes Program, but for people, something to repair homes, rectify a situation or health hazard. The other would be some type of authority or means to require the improvements in rental properties, especially if there’s not specific code to enforce an unhealthy situation. The Healthy Homes Program will continue their partnership with LACC, phone consultations with citizens, and continue to refer citizens to resources that are out there to help people with their living conditions. Mr. Olinger said he would also like to look into purchasing test kits for distribution to citizens since Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer for people who don’t smoke.

Dr. Bittner-Fagan asked where LACC was located, and Mr. Olinger responded that it is located in Wilmington, Delaware. Dr. Bittner-Fagan asked if the line item in the budget for Fisher Scientific was for the cost of lead testing. Mr. Olinger responded that he was not very familiar on how to remediate lead or Radon. Dr. Bittner-Fagan is also not familiar with this process, so Mr. Olinger explained the remediation and testing process.

## WISEWOMAN Presentation

Ms. Sue Mitchell, Bureau Chief of the Chronic Disease Bureau, provided a presentation on the WISEWOMAN program. The [WISEWOMAN](https://www.cdc.gov/wisewoman/about.htm#:~:text=The%20WISEWOMAN%20program%20serves%20low,aged%2040%20to%2064%20years) (**W**ell-**I**ntegrated **S**creening and **E**valuation for **WOM**en **A**cross the **N**ation) program serves low-income, uninsured, and underinsured women ages 40 to 64 years, with heart disease and stroke risk factor screenings and services that promote healthy behaviors to reduce the risk for heart disease and stroke. In 1990, Congress passed a law that created the National Breast, Cervical Cancer, Early Detection Program (NBCCEDP). In 1993 that law was amended to authorize the WISEWOMAN component, and WISEWOMAN is an extension of the NBCCEDP to expand preventative services. Delaware was not initially in the 5-year grant, but there was some additional funding found by the CDC and Delaware came into it during year 3 of the 5-year program. WISEWOMAN is currently operational in more than 21 states, and it was created to help women understand and reduce their risk for heart disease and stroke. It provides services to promote lasting heart-healthy lifestyles which include doctor appointments, lab testing, referrals to evidence-based lifestyle change programs, health coaching, etc. The WISEWOMAN program helps women participating in the NBCCEDP receive a full range of health services, not just breast and cervical cancer screenings. It also allows the provider freedom to assess participants for other risk factors and offer additional preventative services while being reimbursed for their efforts. Delaware’s goal is to have WISEWOMAN components become a standard in the Screening For Life (SFL) program in future years. Ms. Mitchell went over the guidelines for referring at-risk woman and integrated office visits. Providers, or programs, meaning a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) determines if women are at-risk for cardiovascular disease (e.g., elevated blood pressure, obesity, smoking, family history). An integrated office visit occurs when both the NBCCEDP and WISEWOMAN initial screening or re-screening happens during the same visit. Ms. Mitchell shared a chart showing the correlation between the program goals of WISEWOMAN and NBCCEDP. Benefits of participation in the program include invaluable support for women who are at high risk for cardiovascular disease, reimbursement for office visits and lab tests for WISEWOMAN patients, access to a bilingual Health Coach, free resources for patients, and more. Ms. Mitchell also went over the burden of high blood pressure in Delaware, and then touched on electronic clinical quality measures (eCQM) and how this data ties into SFL. There are program requirements for providers including but not limited to being enrolled as an SFL provider site, providing care to WISEWOMAN eligible patients, and conducting risk reduction counseling. Provider engagement goal is to engage 15 SFL providers in the program. Westside Family Healthcare is fully onboarded. La Red Health Center and Henrietta Johnson Medical Center staff are both currently in training. In Delaware, 86 women so far have been enrolled in WISEWOMAN by completing a Baseline Client Clinic Data Gorm; 19 women have completed their integrated office visit; and 1 has completed her Healthy Behavior Support Service and had her follow-up IOV on 9/29/2022.

Dr. Susan Kelly asked if the 40-64 target audience could not be enrolled, they are less than 40, and Ms. Mitchell said the algorithms for care in SFL are based on individual patient criteria.

Dr. Bittner-Fagan asked if WISEWOMAN was a CDC-funded initiative, to which Mr. Maxwell Amoako, Cancer Prevention and Control Bureau Chief confirmed that it was.

Ms. Mitchell offered to provide another update on the WISEWOMAN program at the next Early Detection and Prevention Committee meeting on January 9, 2023.

## Sharing Time

Opened at 10:46am for sharing time. Introduction of Lisa Rohlfing as the new Cancer Prevention and Control Bureau Nurse Consultant. Ms. Lisa Rohlfing will be doing some work on the WISEWOMAN program with Ms. Sue Mitchell.

Dr. Grubbs asked if the BRFSS data has been changed to help with asking lung cancer screening questions. Dr. Bittner-Fagan answered that the questions have been changed to be clearer when asking people if they have had a CT scan to screen for lung cancer in the last 2 years.

Ms. Rohlfing read the changes to the BRFSS questions and how they now relate to lung cancer screenings.

Dr. Bittner-Fagan shared about changes to the 2023 meetings. January, July, and October will remain virtual, and the April meeting will be an in-person meeting.

## Public Comment

No comments were made during this time.

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am.

## Attachments

 

Meeting documentation is available on the DCC website (www.healthydelaware.org) or by contacting Christina Gardner (Christina.Gardner@delaware.gov or 302-744-1020).

**Future Meeting (s)**

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| **Next Meeting:**  **Monday, January 9, 2023 – Virtual** | **Proposed 2023 Meetings**  **January 9, 2023 – Virtual**  **April 17, 2023 – In-Person**  **July 10, 2023 – Virtual**  **October 16, 2023 – Virtual** |