**Attendees**

**Delaware Cancer Consortium**

**Early Detection & Prevention Committee**

**October 12, 2020**

**Minutes-APPROVED**

**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 |
| Participated | Tiffany Edwards – Sussex County Health Coalition |
| Did Not Participate | Allison Gil, American Cancer Society |
| Participated | Stephen Grubbs, MD – American Society of Clinical Oncology |
| Did Not Participate | Sarah Hutton, EdD – Boys and Girls Club of Delaware |
| Participated | Nora Katurakes, RN, MSN, OCN – Christiana Care Health System |
| Participated | Stephanie McClellan, MSN, RN, CMSRN – Bayhealth Medical Center |
| Participated | Lauren Moore, Nanticoke Memorial Hospital |
| 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 |
| Did Not Participate | Robert Sikes, PhD. – University of Delaware |
| Participated | Sarah Toborowski – Quality Insights |
| 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 | Katherine Hughes – Delaware Division of Public Health |
| Participated | Melissa Keiper – Delaware Division of Public Health |
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| **Public/Guests** |  |
| Participated | Zohra Ali-Khan Catts-Christiana Care Health Services |
| Participated | Allison Shevock-AES Professional Services |
| Participated | Kelly Paustian-DE Breast Cancer Coalition |
| Participated | Carla Brison – Westside Family Healthcare |
| Participated | Charlene Marinelli – Christiana Care Health Services |
| Participated | Jasmine Fuentes- Westside Family Healthcare |
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**Welcome/Review/Approval of minutes**

**Review/Approval of Minutes**

Chair, Dr. Heather Bittner-Fagan began the meeting at 10:00 am. Dr. Stephen Grubbs made a motion to accept the January 13, 2020 meeting minutes as written and Dr. Albert Rizzo seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all participating agreed.

**Genetics and Risk Assessment**

Ms. Zohra Ali-Khan Catts from Christiana Care Health Services provided a presentation on genetics and risk assessments. She began by saying the goal is to proceed across different arenas to improve healthcare outcomes. The field of genetics has greatly expanded, and cancer genetics pushes for personalized medicine. Genetic changes occur over time and it is either something you are born with or something that can change over time. If you are born with it, then there is a higher risk factor. Ms. Ali-Khan Catts advised that there are some online tools and home kits to aid individuals with their family history and that technology is critical. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) offers a link to <https://www.cdc.gov/genomics/famhistory/index.htm>. Currently, genetic education sessions are available by phone with Christiana Care Health Services. Genetic counseling is also scheduled every Friday at Tunnel Cancer Center in Rehoboth and once a month at Nanticoke Memorial Hospital.

**Using Industry and Occupation Data to Inform Worksite Messaging**

Dr. Allison Shevock of AES Professional Services provided information by using industry and occupation data to inform worksite messaging on breast cancer. Delaware is currently a leader among states in mammography. Statewide, early detection and prevention has been very good; however, there is a need to target small pockets of breast cancer prevalence as it is the most common cancer in Delaware. According to the 2011-2015 Incidence & Mortality (I & M) Report, Delaware ranked 9th in breast cancer incidence and mortality among other states. The study using industry and occupation data to inform worksite messaging was completed due to:

1. Breast cancer mortality falling short of the Healthy People 2020 target
2. Decline in breast cancer mortality has slowed
3. Delaware women age 40-49 are significantly less likely to have had a mammogram in the past 2 years compared to females 50-59 and 60-69 years old
4. Access to regular healthcare is an important predicator of regular breast cancer screening
5. Having health insurance and access to care does not guarantee that a female will be encouraged to get a mammogram
6. Obesity may be a risk factor for clinically aggressive breast cancer subtypes among younger premenopausal women

The study identified which industries have high rates of late stage breast cancer, based on the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). The NAICS is the standard industry classification system that groups establishments into industries based on similar production processes. The results indicated that retail trade and transportation and warehousing are sectors of interest. Based on these results, the Screening for Life and Cancer Programs within DPH will focus on early detection opportunities and provide education on breast cancer. Delaware is a leader in breast cancer screening, and this analysis has found that workplace messaging is effective.

**Lung Cancer Screening Reporting Update**

Ms. Melissa Keiper, Clinical Cancer Nurse Consultant with the Bureau of Chronic Disease, gave an update on the Lung Cancer Screening reporting process. She advised that the American College of Radiology (ACR) has become more restrictive in the information that it is able to distribute for external analysis. The ACR needed to make these changes in order to strengthen their compliance with HIPAA regulations. Next steps could be to update the request for information or create a Memorandum of Understanding with radiology sites to require them to submit their data to the state. A long-term solution would be to have legislative action to require the data be submitted to the state. The cancer program is waiting on a first round of data from the ACR to evaluate the potential information they may be able to receive in the future based on the data request that is submitted.

**Sharing Time**

No items were shared.

**Public Comment**

No comments were made during this time.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

**Attachments**

   

Meeting documentation is available on the DCC website (www.healthydelaware.org) or by contacting Rosemary Doughten (Rosemary.Doughten@delaware.gov or 302-744-1000).

**Future Meeting (s)**

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| **Next Meeting:**  **Monday, January 11, 2021 – VIRTUAL** | **Remaining 2021 meetings:**  **Monday, April 12**  **Monday, July 12**  **Monday, October 11** |