

Care Subcommittee Minutes

February 1, 2008

12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Members Present: Thomas Shea, MD, Chair, Jean Sellers, RN, Associate Chair, Nancy Avis, Judy Brunger, Vicky Byler, Suzanne Carroll, Bob Cline, Holly D'Addurno, Janet Dail, Daisy DeWeese-Gatt, John Feldmann, Barbara Germino, Cindy Johnston, Karen Knight, Carrie Lee, Suzan Maddox, Debbie Poovey, Chandrika Rao, Tina Shaban, Art Shacter, Elizabeth Sherwood, Patty Spears, Renea Valea, Jim Whiting, Anne Wilson, Bill Wood, Ronna Zimmer

Staff: Amy Denham, MD, MPH, Linda Rohret

Topic	Discussion	Action
1. Welcome/Introductions	Dr. Shea called the meeting to order and welcomed members. Attendees introduced themselves.	
2. Minutes Approval	Dr. Shea called for approval of minutes from the October meeting.	John Feldmann moved to approve minutes. Minutes unanimously approved.
3. Palliative Care Report	Suzanne Carroll announced that Dr. Morgan Bain, Director of the Palliative Care Unit at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, will be the new chair of the Palliative Care workgroup. She read a brief biosketch of Dr. Bain.	A meeting of the Palliative Care Workgroup, under Dr. Bain's leadership, will be scheduled for later in February
4. Patient Navigation Report	Jean Sellers gave a report on Patient Navigation activities across the state, including a meeting of patient navigators that occurred in November, 2007 and a survey of nurse patient navigators regarding standards and scope of practice. A lively discussion ensued, providing input on this group's efforts to better define the role of patient navigators.	Ms. Sellers will co-chair a new workgroup on Patient Navigation. A second leader of this workgroup, yet to be named, will be a cancer survivor. A statewide meeting of patient navigators is scheduled for April 4. Formation of a professional society of patient navigators is planned.

5. Hospice Announcement	Judy Brunger announced that the Carolinas Center for Hospice and End of Life Care will be having their Hospice Annual Clinical Conference April 13-16, 2008 in Winston-Salem.	
5. Survivorship Report	Suzan Maddox reported that the Survivorship Workgroup is continuing to proceed with its activities.	The second annual Survivorship summit is planned for June 13, 2008 in Winston-Salem, exact location to be determined.
6. Cancer Assistance Report	Janet Dail reported that Cancer Assistance continues to have funds for the current fiscal year.	Ms. Dail encouraged those present to spread the word about availability of funds, to dispel any rumors that funds have run out.
7. Clinical Trials Report	Dr. Shea reported on activities of the Clinical Trials workgroup. The group held a meeting immediately prior to the Care Subcommittee meeting and discussed efforts to create a web-based repository of information on all ongoing clinical trials in North Carolina.	A meeting of to further discuss creation of a web-based clinical trials information clearinghouse is planned for late April or early May.
8. Recognition of Dr. Shea	Suzan Maddox publicly recognized the role that Dr. Shea has played in creation of the University Cancer Research Fund	
9. Cancer Plan	Subcommittee members broke out into five small groups (Clinical Trials, Palliative Care, Survivorship, Access and Cost and Financing) and generated lists of strategies to reach the objectives outlined in the Cancer Plan	Staff of the NC Comprehensive Cancer Program will compile the strategies generated by Care Subcommittee members and will distribute at a future meeting.
10. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.		