

Care Subcommittee Minutes

July 27, 2007

12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Members Present: Jean Sellers, RN, Associate Chair, Nancy Avis, Kathryn Burrows, Vicky Byler, Bob Carpenter, William Carpenter, Holly D'Addurno, Janet Dail, John Feldmann, Karen Hansen, Jennifer Higdon, Cindy Johnston, Karen Knight, Karyn Leniek, Julie Lanford, Carrie Lee, Suzan Maddox, Mary Miller, Becky Hartt Minor, Tina Piccirilli, Julie Pope, Amy Powell, Cathy Rimmer, Lynn Ross, Patty Spears, John Thompson, Jeff Tubaugh, Camille Utter, Renea Valea, Dan Wiley, Rebecca Wiles, Erin Wood, Jeannine Woody, Ronna Zimmer

Staff: Amy Denham, MD, MPH, Linda Rohret

Topic	Discussion	Action
1. Welcome/Introductions	Ms. Sellers called the meeting to order and welcomed members. Attendees introduced themselves.	
2. Minutes Approval	Ms. Sellers called for approval of minutes from January meeting.	John Feldmann moved to approve minutes. Carrie Lee seconded motion. Minutes unanimously approved.
3. Executive Committee Report	Dr. Denham reported the following items from the Executive Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Black Leadership in Cancer will be holding a conference in Durham, NC September 23-26, 2007.• 3 new members will be joining the Advisory Committee: Nancy Avis, of the Wake Forest University Comprehensive Cancer; Perry Shen, a Surgical Oncologist at Wake Forest; and Sherry Lehman, of the Department of Public Instruction. Ms. Avis will also be joining the Care Subcommittee.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latasha Sanders, staff of the NC Comprehensive Cancer Program, will be taking a new job with the CDC. • A proposal has been made to change one of the quarterly Advisory Committee meetings to a two day retreat in another part of the State. The first of these meetings may be held in April of 2008. 	
4. Patient Navigation	Julie Pope, Colorectal Cancer Patient Navigator at Forsyth Regional Cancer Center was introduced to the group to answer questions regarding patient navigation.	
5. Clinical Trials Workgroup Update	John Feldmann, Carrie Lee, and Bill Carpenter reported on current activities of the Clinical Trials workgroup, including efforts at enumerating clinical trials participation in NC, the potential for creating a clinical trials database in the State, and current estimates of NCI treatment cancer treatment trial enrollment in the State.	
6. Survivorship Workgroup Update	Ronna Zimmer, Linda Rohret, and Suzan Maddox reported on the NC Cancer Survivorship Summit on June 1, 2007. They reported that this meeting was successful and generated a lot of enthusiasm. Linda Rohret is in the process of compiling the Survivorship Action Plan generated at this meeting. A second Summit is planned for next year.	
7. Palliative Care Workgroup Update	Cindy Johnston and Jean Sellers reported on current activities of the Palliative Care Workgroup. The leaders of the workgroup have decided to break into two subgroups, one focusing on Pain and Symptom Management and the	

	other focusing on Hospice and End-of-Life Care. The group has been working on goals and objectives related to Palliative Care for the Cancer Plan.	
8. Cancer Assistance	Dr. Denham announced that the Cancer Assistance Program began operating again at the start of July. It is uncertain at this time what the program's funding will be for the current fiscal year. Policy changes discussed at the last Care Subcommittee meeting are still being discussed by fiscal leadership in the Department of Health and Human Services.	
9. Cancer Plan Update	Dr. Denham solicited input on portions of the Cancer Plan from members of the Care Subcommittee.	Copies of the current version of the Cancer Plan will be emailed to attendees of the meeting who did not receive the mailing the week prior.
10. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.		