

Early Detection Subcommittee

April 27, 2007

12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Members Present: M. Sohrab Ali, Linda Carter, Lorna Clack, Pam Dickens, Eleanor Greene, Alexis Moore, Sonya G. Patterson, Laura Parkinson, Jenny Rollins, Tammy Rowland, Janet Reaves, Emmeline Weber

Lead Staff: Dianah Bradshaw

Comprehensive Cancer Staff: Kenisha Bethea, Janet Dail

Topic	Discussion	Action
Welcome/ Introductions	Eleanor Greene, Dianah Bradshaw	Members introduced themselves.
Minutes Approval	Motion of minutes to be passed	Minutes unanimously passed.
Report on the Cervical Cancer Elimination Task Force	<p>Dianah reported on the Cervical Cancer Elimination Task Force (CCETF) draft as well as the CCETF Plan. The Draft Report was presented to the CCETF committee. The task force made suggestions to be included into the Draft Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific areas were highlighted (Anatomy/Physiology; New Technologies, i.e. Bivalent Vaccine-GSK and Quadrivalent Vaccine-Merck; Standing history of cervical cancer strategies in North Carolina. • Recommendations were made to prioritize specific areas • Final plan will be available in July <p>After the report Dianah requested suggestions, comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linda Carter made a suggestion that BCCP awareness, promotion; education should be a top priority. Use focus groups to better understand the population that is being addressed. Also health disparities and access to vaccinations should be addressed. • Dr. Eleanor Greene suggested that funding issues should be addressed. 	Group discussion took place based on the information that Ms. Bradshaw reported. Everyone feels that NC has done a good job thus far of addressing these issues, but we as a state can and should do more.
Report on the Cancer Assistance Program	<p>Janet Dail, Program Coordinator gave a report on changes that will be made to the NC Cancer Assistance Program. Questions regarding the changes arose such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why was line 22 removed under “Covered Services”? –may be due to new Guidelines • How much money and lives will be saved with the new guidelines? <p>A significant portion of CAP funds go towards Breast and Cervical treatment/screenings,</p>	Committee voted to approve changes to Cancer Assistance Program.

	<p>monies need to be increased to BCCP and those who qualify for their programs can receive assistance through those channels versus depleting the CAP funds. A monitoring system is being developed which will track who is being served and where.</p> <p>Janet requested approval of the changes from the committee. A motion was made by Linda Carter and the changes were approved. Janet informed us that the Cancer Assistance Program was closed December 15, 2006 due to lack of funding and will reopen July 1, 2007.</p>	
<p>Presentation/Information about the NC Radiation Protection Radiology Compliance Branch</p>	<p>Jenny Rollins reported on 2007 CR Mammography Facilities, 2007 Digital Mammography Facilities, and 2007 Mammography Facilities. She provided each member with very detailed and colorful maps of the state representing each facility that further defined which counties/regions had such facilities and how many. The mammography business is very busy at this time due to regional trends and consolidation taking place. Reimbursement drives the demand for the facilities. In addition a spreadsheet was distributed which contained information found on maps. NC has 236 mammography facilities, of those 34 provide digital radiography and 3 have computed radiography units.</p>	
<p>Goals/Objectives/Strategies related to Early Detection</p>	<p>The Goals/Objectives of all 50 states' Cancer Control Plans have been further narrowed down to into 3 categories (Cross Cutting, Early Detection, and Other). Members were divided into 3 groups of 5 and each group was assigned a category. Each group highlighted strategies/goals that they felt would be instrumental to NC's Cancer Plan.</p>	<p>Suggestions were noted by the sub-committee members. The newly revised version will be provided at a later date.</p>
<p>Meeting Adjourned at 2:30pm.</p>	<p>Next Meeting will be Friday, July 27, 2007 at the Solution Center.</p>	