



**Maryland State Council on Cancer Control**  
**September 25, 2015**

**Meeting Summary**

**Members in Attendance**

Kathleen Connors-Juras  
Stephanie Cooper-Greenberg  
Diane Couchman  
Catherine Fenwick  
Mary Garza  
Donna Gugel  
Roger Harrell  
Christine Marino  
Jed Miller  
Joan Mischtschuk (formally Daughtery)  
William Nelson  
Delegate Sheree Sample-Hughes  
Artie Shelton  
Yale Stenzler  
Kala Visvanathan  
Stanley Watkins

**Members Absent**

Kevin Cullen  
Kim Herman  
Kevin Kelly  
Senator Anthony Muse  
Jay Perman  
Paul Rothman  
Brock Yetso

**Staff and Guests in Attendance**

Dawn Berkowitz  
Sarah Conolly Hokenmaier  
Nanyamka Hales  
Courtney Lewis  
William Tillburg  
Meredith Truss  
Olesya Vernyi-Kellogg

**Welcome and Review of Minutes**

The Council approved minutes from the May 15, 2015 meeting.

## **Membership Updates**

Lisa Gallicchio resigned from the Council as member and Cancer Registry Advisory Committee (CRAC) Chair as of July 2015 due to a new role with the National Cancer Institute (NCI). Lisa has been approved by NCI to continue with the Council as an NCI Advisor. Kala Visvanathan, Council Member and Associate Professor in Oncology and Epidemiology at Johns Hopkins Schools of Public Health and Medicine, has accepted the appointment of the CRAC Chair role.

Mary DeShields has chosen not to seek reappointment on the Council as of June 30, 2015. Wendy Friar has resigned from the Council on September 15, 2015.

There are currently two Council member openings. The Governor is responsible for appointing members to the Council, however if members have suggestions for his consideration they may be submitted to Nanyamka Hales or Dr. Watkins.

## **Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) in Maryland**

(William Tillburg, JD, Deputy Director, Legal Resource Center for Public Health Policy, University of Maryland Carey School of Law)

William Tillburg presented a comprehensive overview of electronic cigarettes (see attached).

## **Legislative Session Discussion**

The Council discussed the need for three or four members to volunteer for a legislative subcommittee to draft Council positions this fall for bills that the Council may be interested in supporting during the 2016 legislative session (January – April 2016). This would ensure that the Council is prepared when bills are introduced, as there is generally a very short turn-around period for positions to be submitted. There were no volunteers during the meeting. If a member is interested in volunteering to draft Council positions in advance of the session, please contact Nanyamka Hales.

The Council focused its legislative discussion on changing its approach to supporting a ban on tanning bed access for minors. Kathleen Connors-Juras was asked to research PSAs from the American Cancer Society. Update: The American Cancer Society and ACSCAN do not have television or radio PSA's, but written materials are available. The National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention does have relevant PSA videos (<http://www.truthaboutindoortanning.org/action/videos>) and the Skin Cancer Foundation has some related materials as well (<http://www.skincancer.org/media-and-press/psa-and-testimonials>).

The Council discussed drafting a position in advance to support adding ENDS to the Clean Indoor Air Act (2015 House Bill 26, which will probably be reintroduced in 2016).

## **Maryland Cancer Plan Update**

Meredith Truss updated the Council on the status of the Maryland Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan, which has been updated for 2016-2020. DHMH has led the update process, which included two meetings to collect feedback from external partners in May and June 2015. Several Council members participated in these meetings and provided feedback. The Cancer Plan draft is being reviewed by DHMH leadership, and should be released in early 2016.

## **Maryland Cancer Collaborative Update**

Joan Daugherty updated the Council on activities of the Maryland Cancer Collaborative (see attached). The MCC has been heavily involved with the Cancer Plan update in 2015.

## **Maryland Cancer Registry Advisory Committee (CRAC) Update**

Kala Visvanathan updated the Council on activities of the CRAC. Updates include:

- The National Program of Cancer Registries has recognized the Maryland Cancer Registry (MCR) as a Registry of Distinction.
- The MCR continues to work with the DHMH Meaningful Use Group to register eligible providers and to resolve issues that prevent providers from submitting appropriate test files.
- The MCR continues to produce issues of their E-update to share information with MCR reporters.

## **2015 Cancer Conference**

The 2015 Cancer Conference will be held at Anne Arundel Medical Center on November 17, 2015 (see attached draft agenda). Registration will be capped at 300 this year due to space constraints. Sponsors include Anne Arundel Medical Center, University of Maryland Greenebaum Cancer Center, Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center, the American Cancer Society, the Johns Hopkins Greenberg Bladder Cancer Institute, and the Ulman Cancer Fund. Most speakers on the agenda have been confirmed except for the Emerging Best Practices Panel presenters, who will be chosen in early October based on submissions. There were seven abstracts submitted for review, and seven Abeloff nominations. Thank yous were provided to all of this year's sponsors and members of the Cancer Council that volunteered for the Abeloff Award and Emerging Best Practices review committees.

## **Cancer Council Letters of Support for Grant Applications**

The Council discussed the possibility of providing letters of support to other entities for grant applications. It was decided that the Council would not become involved with supporting grant applications.

## **Future Meetings**

The Council will continue to meet at Anne Arundel Medical Center. The Council will meet in Classroom 5 for 2016 meetings. A schedule of 2016 meeting dates was distributed (see attached), which included a hold date for the 2016 Cancer Conference. The next meeting will be held on January 22, 2016 at Anne Arundel Medical Center, Classroom 5 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.