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Martin O'Malley, Governor – Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor – Joshua M. Sharfstein, MD, Secretary

January 11, 2013

The Honorable Martin O'Malley  
Governor  
State House  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Governor O'Malley:

Pursuant to Executive Order 01.01.2002.25 (2002) and on behalf of the members of the Maryland State Council on Cancer Control, I am pleased to submit the Council's 2012 Annual Report to you.

During 2012, the Council continued to carry out its mission by holding three full Council business meetings and one subcommittee meeting. On December 5, 2012, the Cancer Council held the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Cancer Control Conference. This successful event was attended by more than 300 people and was the direct result of the hard work and dedication of Council members and staff.

Looking forward to 2013, the Maryland State Council on Cancer Control will continue to use evidence-based research as the foundation for all Cancer Council activities and recommendations for cancer control programs and policies. Additionally, the Council will carry on with its work to address State Health Improvement Process objective 26, namely to reduce the overall cancer death rate.

The Maryland State Council on Cancer Control looks forward to the continued building of a strong relationship with your office, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and community organizations, so that we may all contribute in the fight against cancer in Maryland.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Ms. Courtney Lewis, Director of the Center for Cancer Prevention and Control for the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, at 410-767-0824.

Sincerely,

Stanley P. Watkins, MD  
Chair, Maryland State Council on Cancer Control



**M A R Y L A N D**  
**State Council on Cancer Control**



**2012**  
**Annual Report**

**Stanley P. Watkins, MD, Chair**

**Martin O'Malley, Governor**

**Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor**

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## **Overview and 2012 Council Activities**

### **History**

The Maryland State Council on Cancer Control (the Council) is a 25-member body appointed by the Governor with members selected from State agencies involved in cancer screening and prevention and treatment services, as well as members representing the general public, major academic medical institutions in Maryland's cancer community, national organizations, the business community, and health and scientific disciplines concerned with cancer control. In addition, at least one member of the Council is a cancer survivor, one is a member of the Maryland State Senate, and another is a member of the Maryland House of Delegates. The Council was established by Executive Order 01.01.1991.22 on June 26, 1991. The mission of the Council was reaffirmed with updated Executive Orders in 1997 (01.01.1997.07) and 2002 (01.01.2002.25).

### **Council Mission**

The Council advises the Governor, other government officials, public and private organizations, and the general public on comprehensive State policies and programs necessary to reduce the incidence and mortality of cancer in Maryland. In addition, the Council is charged with promoting and coordinating, in cooperation with other federal, State, local, and private agencies, unified programs that identify and address the cancer needs of Marylanders, such as public and private partnerships to improve access to prevention, screening, and treatment services. Finally, the Council is charged with reviewing existing and planned cancer programs in the public and private sectors to ensure proper allocation of State resources.

### **Current Council Chair**

Chair Dr. Kathy Helzlsouer's term ended in 2012, at which time a new Council Chair was appointed. Dr. Helzlsouer served on the Cancer Council first as a member beginning in 2005, and then as Chair beginning in 2008. She was honored for her service at the Council meeting held in September 2012, as well as at the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Cancer Control Conference on December 5, 2012.

The Maryland State Council on Cancer Control is now chaired by Dr. Stanley Watkins, Director of Research for the Oncology Center at Anne Arundel Medical Center. Dr. Watkins is a graduate of Cornell University and the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. After spending time developing his practice, Dr. Watkins began building what would become the DeCesaris Cancer Institute at the Anne Arundel Medical Center. In the mid-1990s Dr. Watkins began teaching Outpatient Clinical Responsibilities to new physicians at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. While continuing to practice medicine in Anne Arundel County, Dr. Watkins began his involvement with the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) on various public health programs. He currently chairs the medical advisory committees on breast, cervical, colon, and prostate cancer, and serves as a consultant to many of the State's cancer programs.

### **Membership**

For a complete listing of current Council members, please see Appendix A. During 2012, one member's term ended and several new members were appointed to the Council. Membership changes are detailed below:

*Members with terms ending in 2012:*

- Dr. Kathy Helzlsouer

*Members appointed in 2012:*

- Dr. Lisa Gallicchio
- Dr. Mary Garza
- Dr. Carolyn Hendricks
- Dr. Kim Herman
- Dr. Kala Visvanathan
- Dr. Stanley Watkins
- Brock Yetso

**2012 Activities and Accomplishments**

In 2012, the Council met as a full committee on January 27, May 18, and September 28. Additionally, one subcommittee of the Council, the Abeloff Award Committee, met in October.

Since October 2001, the DHMH has participated in a cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to maintain, promote, and implement the Maryland Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan. The Council has served as a key partner in these efforts including, in recent years, participating in the update of the Maryland Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan (Cancer Plan), which was released on July 26, 2011. Following the release of the Cancer Plan, the Council actively participated in the formation of the new Maryland Cancer Collaborative. The goal of the Collaborative is to guide the implementation of the strategies in the Cancer Plan. Several Council members are active on Collaborative committees which met frequently during 2012. In addition, one Council member acts in a formal position on the Collaborative Steering Committee as the Council Liaison, and participated in Collaborative Steering Committee meetings held on April 24, and December 5, 2012.

Also in 2012 the Council sent out a call for nominations for the 2012 Martin D. Abeloff Award to be presented at the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Cancer Control Conference. The Abeloff Award, which recognizes individuals who have made substantial contributions to cancer control in Maryland, has been presented to notable Marylanders since 2007. The award is named for Dr. Martin Abeloff, a longtime member of the Council who succumbed to leukemia in 2007. Dr. Abeloff was a renowned medical oncologist and researcher, and was compassionate as well as devoted to his patients, colleagues, and public service. Nominations are submitted from across the State by individuals and organizations recommending Marylanders who have made outstanding contributions to cancer control. Each nomination is reviewed by the Abeloff Award Subcommittee, and the Subcommittee then makes a recommendation for the award to the full Council. In 2012, the Subcommittee reviewed six recommendations and after much discussion recommended Dr. Kathy Helzlsouer, Director of the Prevention and Research Center at Mercy Medical Center and former Council Chair, to the full Council as the 2012 Abeloff Award recipient (see Appendix B). The Council concurred with the Subcommittee's recommendation, and Dr. Helzlsouer was selected as the Abeloff Award recipient for 2012.

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Cancer Control Conference was held on December 5, 2012. The conference was sponsored by the American Cancer Society, the University of Maryland Marlene and

Stewart Greenebaum Cancer Center, the Anne Arundel Medical Center DeCesaris Cancer Institute, and the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins. More than 300 individuals attended this day-long conference. Conference topics included health disparities, implementation of the Affordable Care Act in Maryland, the Maryland Health Information Exchange, prostate cancer screening, cervical cancer prevention, palliative care, and progress highlights from the Maryland Cancer Collaborative. An agenda detailing the speakers at the conference is included as Appendix C. Conference materials can be accessed at <http://fha.dhmh.maryland.gov/cancer/cancerplan/SitePages/meetings.aspx>.

### **Recommendations**

The Council was a key partner in the development of the Maryland Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan which was released in July 2011, and several Council members are actively involved as members of Collaborative committees. Recommendations for future cancer control efforts in Maryland are reflected throughout this Plan, which is available at <http://fha.dhmh.maryland.gov/cancer/cancerplan/SitePages/publications.aspx>.



## Appendix A

### Cancer Council Members

**Stanley P. Watkins, MD - CHAIR**  
Anne Arundel Medical Center

**Cathy Brady-Copertino, RN, MS, OCN**  
Anne Arundel Medical Center

**Kevin Cullen, MD**  
University of Maryland Marlene and Stewart  
Greenebaum Cancer Center

**Mary DeShields, MD**  
Shore Regional Cancer Center

**Lisa Gallicchio, PhD**  
Mercy Medical Center

**Mary Garza, PhD, MPH**  
University of Maryland School of  
Public Health

**Mark Gorman**  
National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship

**Roger Harrell, MHA**  
Dorchester County Health Department

**Carolyn Hendricks, MD**  
Private Physician

**Kim Herman, MD, MSN**  
Shore Health System

**Carlessia A. Hussein, Dr.PH**  
Minority Health and Health Disparities  
Maryland DHMH

**Gloria Jetter Crockett**  
American Cancer Society

**Christine Marino, MD**  
Johns Hopkins Community Physicians

**Brian McCagh**  
Sandra and Malcolm Berman Cancer Institute  
Greater Baltimore Medical Center

**Senator Nathaniel J. McFadden**  
Maryland Senate

**Jed Miller**  
Maryland Department of the Environment

**Paul B. Rothman, MD**  
Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

**Delegate Heather Mizeur**  
Maryland House of Delegates

**William Nelson, MD**  
Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer  
Center at Johns Hopkins

**Jay A. Perman, MD**  
University of Maryland at Baltimore

**Artie L. Shelton, MD**  
Us TOO International; Prostate Health  
and Education Network

**Yale Stenzler, Ed.D**  
Oral Cancer Survivor

**Kala Visvanathan, MB, BS, FRACP, MHS**  
Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public  
Health

**Brock Yetso**  
Ulman Cancer Fund

*Regina el Arculli, MA*  
*NCI Advisor*

*Steven Friedman, MHSA*  
*NCI Advisor*

*\* Italics indicate advisors to the Council.*

## Appendix B

### *Martin D. Abeloff Award for Excellence in Public Health and Cancer Control*

#### 2012 Recipient - Kathy J. Helzlsouer, M.D., M.H.S.



Dr. Helzlsouer currently serves as the Director of The Prevention and Research Center at Mercy Medical Center, Baltimore Maryland. She is also adjunct Professor in the Department of Epidemiology, Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University.

Dr. Helzlsouer is a summa cum laude graduate of St. Francis University and graduated with honors from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. After completing her Internal Medicine Residency at the University of Virginia she served as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, assigned to the National Cancer Institute. It is at the National Cancer Institute where her interest in cancer prevention and control was fostered. Dr. Helzlsouer went on to complete medical oncology and clinical epidemiology fellowships at Johns Hopkins along with obtaining a Masters in Health Sciences in

Epidemiology. Following the fellowship training, she joined the faculty in the Department of Epidemiology where she directed the training program in cancer epidemiology and held a joint appointment in the Department of Oncology and the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins where she directed the Breast and Ovarian Surveillance Service.

Dr. Helzlsouer's research activities have spanned the spectrum of the cancer control continuum from studies of the etiology of cancer to prevention and survivorship. Most recently her research focus has been on improving the health-related quality of life of cancer survivors. She maintains an active clinical practice in cancer risk assessment and cancer genetic counseling and recently has been designated in Baltimore Magazine as a "Top Doc." Other awards include the National Institute of Health Award of Merit, National Cancer Institute Outstanding Service Award, Distinguished Alumna in Medicine from St. Francis University, and Women's Leadership Award from the Johns Hopkins University Women's Network. Recently she was honored with a citation from Governor O'Malley recognizing her service and contributions to the Cancer Control Council for the State of Maryland.

Dr. Helzlsouer has authored or co-authored over 235 peer-reviewed publications and several book chapters. She has served on the Cancer Control Council for the State of Maryland, recently completing her term as Chair of the Cancer Council. She has participated in the development of the Cancer Control Plans for Maryland and continues to serve on the Screening and Prevention Committee of the National Cancer Institute's Physician's Data Query (PDQ) and the Cancer Registry Advisory Committee for the State of Maryland and the Surveillance Advisory Committee. She is on the editorial board for the Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

## Appendix C



# The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Maryland State Council on Cancer Control Cancer Conference Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Anne Arundel Health System Doordan Health Sciences Institute, 2000 Medical Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401

## AGENDA

- 8:00 – 8:45**                    **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 8:45**                            **Welcome**  
Frances B. Phillips, R.N., M.H.A., Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services,  
Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene  
Stanley Watkins, MD, Chair, Maryland State Council on Cancer Control
- 8:45 - 9:05**                    **Addressing Health Disparities: Health Enterprise Zones**  
Carlessia Hussein, RN, DrPH, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
- 9:05 – 9:25**                    **Maryland Implementation of ACA**  
Carolyn Quattrocci, JD, Governor’s Office of Health Care Reform
- 9:25 – 9:45**                    **Maryland Health Information Exchange: Impact on Cancer  
Screening, Treatment, and Reporting**  
Angela Plunkett, Maryland Health Care Commission
- 9:45 – 10:00**                    **Break**
- 10:00 – 11:00**                    **Prostate Cancer Screening: New Guidelines and Implications**  
Otis Webb Brawley, MD, Chief Medical Officer, American Cancer Society
- 11:00 – 11:45**                    **A User-Friendly Guide To Cervical Cancer Prevention**  
Philip Castle, PhD, MPH
- 11:45 – 12:00**                    **Cancer Council Service Awards & Martin D. Abeloff Award Presentation**
- 12:00 – 1:00**                    **Networking Lunch**
- 1:00 – 1:30**                    **Cancer Center Updates**  
Amy Fulton, PhD, University of Maryland Greenebaum Cancer Center  
William Nelson, MD, PhD, Kimmel Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins
- 1:30 – 2:15**                    **Palliative Care in Oncology: Challenges and Opportunities**  
Thomas Smith, MD, Kimmel Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins
- 2:15 – 3:00**                    **Maryland Cancer Collaborative – Progress Highlights**
- **Primary Prevention Committee:** Elizabeth Platz, ScD, MPH, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
  - **Cancer Disparities Committee:** Carlessia Hussein, RN, DrPH, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
  - **Survivorship/Palliative Care/Pain Management Committee:** Nicole Stout, MPT, CLT-LANA, Kaiser Permanente, Mid-Atlantic Region

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