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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene  
Maryland State Council on Cancer Control

January 3, 2014

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 (the Council), I am pleased to submit the Council's 2013 Annual Report to you.

During 2013, the Council continued to carry out its mission by holding three full Council meetings and two subcommittee meetings. On November 19, 2013, the Council held the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Cancer Control Conference. This successful event was attended by approximately 300 people and was the direct result of the hard work and dedication of Council members and staff.

Looking forward to 2014, the Maryland State Council on Cancer Control will continue to use evidence-based research as the foundation for all 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 continuing building 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



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**State Council on Cancer Control**



**2013**  
**Annual Report**

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



## **Overview and 2013 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**

The Maryland State Council on Cancer Control is chaired by Dr. Stanley Watkins, practicing oncologist affiliated with the Anne Arundel Medical Center. Dr. Watkins is a graduate of Cornell University and the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine with further training at the University of Washington and National Institutes of Health. 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 oncology 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 2013, four Council members terminated membership and three new members were appointed to the Council. Membership changes are detailed below:

*Members with terms ending in 2013:*

- Catherine Copertino – Anne Arundel Medical Center
- Gloria Jetter Crockett – American Cancer Society
- Brian McCagh – Greater Baltimore Medical Center
- Senator Nathaniel McFadden – Maryland State Senate

*Members appointed in 2013:*

- Kira Eyring – American Cancer Society
- Catherine Fenwick – MedStar St. Mary's Hospital
- Senator Anthony Muse – Maryland State Senate

## **2013 Activities and Accomplishments**

### ***Council Meetings***

In 2013, the Council met as a full committee on January 25, May 31, and September 27. Additionally, two subcommittees of the Council, the Abeloff Award Subcommittee and the Conference Abstract Review Subcommittee, met in October. Council meetings consisted of discussions on Cancer Council objectives, implementation of the Maryland Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan, cancer related legislation, and planning for the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Maryland State Council on Cancer Control Cancer Conference. The Council utilized the September 27, 2013 meeting for a special focus on the topic of indoor tanning and cancer. The intent of the discussion was for the Council to provide the DHMH with recommendations regarding the scientific evidence on the relationship between indoor tanning and skin cancer, and what information regarding this relationship (if any) should be included in the Maryland Indoor Tanning Devices Parent/Guardian Consent Form (available at <http://phpa.dhmh.maryland.gov/OEHFP/EH/SitePages/tanning-for-minors.aspx>). A summary of the meeting and the Council recommendations is available in Appendix B.

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

Also in 2013 the Council sent out a call for nominations for the 2013 Martin D. Abeloff Award to be presented at the 20<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 selects the award recipient. In 2013, the Subcommittee reviewed seven nomination letters and after much discussion selected Dr. Diane Dwyer, Medical Director of the Center for Cancer Prevention and Control at DHMH, as the Abeloff Award recipient for 2013 (see Appendix C).

### ***20<sup>th</sup> Annual Maryland State Council on Cancer Control Cancer Conference***

The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Cancer Control Conference was held on November 19, 2013. The conference was sponsored by 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. Approximately 300 individuals attended this day-long conference. The conference focused on the future of cancer control in Maryland. Presentation topics included cancer control accomplishments over the last 20 years, Affordable Care Act implementation in Maryland, the role of genetics in cancer control and public health, the future of palliative care in Maryland, cancer center research highlights, and a best practices panel on emerging cancer control topics.

For the conference panel on “Emerging Best Practices in Cancer Control in Maryland,” a call for abstracts was held prior to the conference. The intent was to allow public health practitioners in Maryland to showcase their emerging best practices and provide inspiration and example for others in the State. The call for abstracts resulted in eight submissions; three were selected for presentation, and the remaining five were given the opportunity to display a poster on their topic at the conference.

An agenda detailing the speakers and topics at the conference is included as Appendix D. Conference materials can be accessed at [http://phpa.dhmf.maryland.gov/cancer/SitePages/sccc\\_home.aspx](http://phpa.dhmf.maryland.gov/cancer/SitePages/sccc_home.aspx).

#### ***Participation in the Maryland Cancer Collaborative***

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 (Collaborative). The goal of the Collaborative is to guide the implementation of the strategies in the Cancer Plan. Several Council members actively participate in Collaborative committees, which met frequently during 2013. In addition, one Council member acts in a formal position on the Collaborative Steering Committee as the Council Liaison.

#### **Recommendations**

The Council participated in the development of the Cancer Plan, 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.dhmf.maryland.gov/cancer/cancerplan/SitePages/publications.aspx>.

Additionally, as noted above, in 2013 the Council provided recommendations on the topic of indoor tanning and skin cancer to the DHMH. These recommendations are included in Appendix B.

## **Anticipated Activities for 2014**

Moving forward, the Council plans to continue its activities as outlined below:

- Hold three full Council meetings, as well as additional subcommittee meetings on an as-needed basis to discuss progress on Council activities as well as other issues, including Council objectives and cancer-related legislation;
- Select a recipient for the *2014 Martin D. Abeloff Award for Excellence in Public Health and Cancer Control*;
- Plan and hold the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Maryland State Council on Cancer Control Conference;  
and
- Continue participation in the Maryland Cancer Collaborative to implement goals, objectives, and strategies from the Maryland Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan.

**Appendix A**  
**Cancer Council Members - 2013**

**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

**Kira Eyring\*\***  
American Cancer Society

**Catherine Fenwick\*\***  
Medstar St. Mary's Hospital

**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, DrPH**  
Maryland Department of Health and Mental  
Hygiene

**Gloria Jetter Crockett\***  
American Cancer Society

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

**Brian McCagh\***  
Greater Baltimore Medical Center

**Senator Nathaniel J. McFadden\***  
Maryland State Senate

**Jed Miller**  
Maryland Department of the Environment

**Delegate Heather Mizeur**  
Maryland House of Delegates

**Senator Anthony Muse\*\***  
Maryland State Senate

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

**Jay A. Perman, MD**  
**(Alternate: Barbara Klein, MPA)**  
University of Maryland at Baltimore

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

**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\*\*\***  
*National Cancer Institute Advisor*

**Steven Friedman, MHSA\*\*\***  
*National Cancer Institute Advisor*

\* Terms ending in 2013

\*\* Terms beginning in 2013

\*\*\* Non-voting members acting as advisors to the Council

## **Appendix B**

### **Cancer Council Recommendations – Indoor Tanning and Skin Cancer**

At the September 27, 2013 meeting, the Council held a discussion on indoor tanning and its relationship to skin cancer. The intent of the discussion was for the Council to provide the DHMH with recommendations regarding the scientific evidence on the relationship between indoor tanning and skin cancer, and what information regarding this relationship (if any) should be included in the Maryland Indoor Tanning Devices Parent/Guardian Consent Form.

Council members heard a presentation on melanoma data, as well as presentations from two panels. The first panel included three speakers assembled by the Maryland Indoor Tanning Association (Joe Levy, Scientific Advisor, American Suntanning Association; Robin Eason, President, Maryland Indoor Tanning Association and Vice President, SunSeekers, Inc.; and Bruce Bereano, Maryland Indoor Tanning Association). The second panel included three speakers assembled by MedChi, the Maryland State Medical Association (Anna Yasmine Kirkorian, MD, Johns Hopkins Dermatology; Thomas J. Hornyak, MD, PhD, Chief of Dermatology, Veterans Affairs Maryland Health Care System and Associate Professor of Dermatology, University of Maryland School of Medicine; and Gene Ransom, CEO, MedChi).

Following the presentations, Council members discussed and provided a response to the following questions.

**1. Based on the best available scientific evidence, what is the relationship, if any, between indoor tanning and skin cancer?**

**Council members provided various statements and unanimously indicated that there is a relationship between indoor tanning and skin cancer.**

**2. Based on the answer to Question 1, should the issue of cancer be included in the consent form for the use of tanning facilities by youth under age 18?**

**Council members unanimously provided the answer of “yes” to this question.**

**3. Based on the above answers, please recommend text relating to the issue of cancer in the consent form for the use of tanning facilities by youth under age 18:**

**a) No mention of cancer.**

**b) Indoor tanning may increase the risk for skin cancer, but scientists do not agree on whether indoor tanning actually causes skin cancer.**

**c) Some scientists believe that indoor tanning causes skin cancer. To reduce the risk of skin cancer, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children under age 18 never use indoor tanning devices.**

**Appendix B**  
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**d) Indoor tanning increases the risk for skin cancer. To reduce the risk of skin cancer, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children under age 18 never use indoor tanning devices.**

**e) Indoor tanning causes skin cancer. Skin cancer can be fatal. To reduce the risk of skin cancer, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children under age 18 never use indoor tanning devices. [*current statement on the draft Indoor Tanning Devices Parent/Guardian Consent Form*]**

**f) Other—to be drafted by committee during meeting.**

**Council members unanimously voted in favor of option “F”. All Council members agreed that the Indoor Tanning Devices Parent/Guardian Consent Form as drafted by the committee should state:**

**“Indoor tanning can cause skin cancer. Skin cancer can be fatal. To reduce the risk of skin cancer, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children under 18 never use tanning devices.”**

## Appendix C

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

#### **2013 Recipient - Diane M. Dwyer, M.D.**



After completing Dartmouth Medical School and residency in Internal Medicine at the University of California San Francisco in 1981, Dr. Dwyer worked as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for two years assigned to the Oklahoma State Health Department.

It was in Oklahoma that she fell in love with public health, outbreak investigation, and communicable disease epidemiology. After leaving the CDC in 1983, Dr. Dwyer remained in public health and joined the Baltimore City Health Department as a Public Health Physician involved with outbreak investigation and with the refugee, TB, STD, and AIDS programs. In 1988, she became the Chief of the Center for Clinical Epidemiology at the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH), in 1995 the Maryland State Epidemiologist, and in 1997 the Director of the Epidemiology and Disease Control Program.

Since 2000, she has been the Medical Director in the Center for Cancer Prevention and Control at the DHMH. In this role, she oversees cancer surveillance, the Cigarette Restitution Fund Program (CRFP), and, since 2006, the Maryland Cancer Registry. The CRFP Maryland colorectal cancer screening program has become a national model since its inception in 2000.

In 2009, Dr. Dwyer was recognized by the Cancer Prevention Foundation with a Laurel Award for Innovative Programs for her work with the Maryland colorectal cancer screening program. She received the DHMH Deputy Secretary Citation in 1990, the Globe Pin Award in 1999, the Certificate of Recognition from the DHMH Family Health Administration as an Unsung Hero in 2004 and the DHMH Exceptional Performance Award in 2012. She is adjunct faculty at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Department of Epidemiology and at the University of Maryland Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine.

#### ***Nomination Letter Excerpts:***

“Dr. Dwyer embodies what it means to provide service to improve the health of the public. Her efforts over the years have made a tangible impact on reducing cancer incidence, morbidity, and mortality in Maryland.”

“Dr. Dwyer has led the effort to increase screening for colorectal cancer in the state of Maryland for the disadvantaged community in our state. This program had a spill-over effect on the entire population of Maryland, increased colorectal screening, and improving health.”

“The Abeloff Award, which ‘*recognizes advancements made in cancer control practices that influence public health statewide and ultimately on a national and/or global scale,*’ is a particularly fitting acknowledgement of Dr. Dwyer’s commitment to strong and thorough methods, tenacity, and commitment to quality care.”

**Appendix D**  
**Annual Cancer Conference Agenda**



**The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Maryland State Council on Cancer Control Cancer Conference**  
**Tuesday, November 19, 2013**

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

**The Next 20 Years – The Future of Cancer Control in Maryland**

- 7:45 – 8:30**                      **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30 – 8:45**                      **Welcome and Introductory Remarks**  
Courtney Lewis, MPH, Maryland DHMH Center for Cancer Prevention and Control  
Stanley Watkins, MD, Chair, Maryland State Council on Cancer Control  
Senator Anthony Muse, Member, Maryland State Council on Cancer Control
- 8:45 – 9:00**                      **Maryland Implementation of the Affordable Care Act**  
Joshua Sharfstein, MD, Secretary, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
- 9:00 – 10:00**                    **20 Years of Cancer Control Accomplishments**  
Diane Dwyer, MD, Maryland DHMH Center for Cancer Prevention and Control  
Elizabeth Platz, ScD, MPH, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
- 10:00 – 10:30**                   **Break**
- 10:30 – 11:30**                  **Keynote: Role of Genetics in Cancer Control and Public Health**  
John Niederhuber, MD, Chief Executive Officer, Inova Translational Medicine Institute
- 11:30 – 12:15**                  **The Future of Palliative Care in Maryland**  
Recent Legislation: Paul Parker, Maryland Health Care Commission  
Palliative Care Hospital Survey: Kira Eyring and Danelle Buchman, Palliative Care  
Committee, Maryland Cancer Collaborative
- 12:15 – 12:30**                  **Cancer Council Service Awards and Martin D. Abeloff Award Presentation**  
**Maryland Cancer Collaborative –Exemplary Maryland Business Recognition**
- 12:30 – 1:30**                   **Networking Lunch**
- 1:30 – 2:05**                    **Cancer Center Research Highlights**  
Kevin Cullen, MD, University of Maryland Greenebaum Cancer Center  
William Nelson, MD, PhD, Kimmel Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins
- 2:05 – 3:30**                    **Emerging Best Practices in Cancer Control in Maryland**
- African Women’s Cancer Awareness Association: A Model to Break the Silence Barrier, Samuel Onyewu MD
  - Overcoming Disparities in Breast Cancer Treatment with Technology-Enhanced Navigation, Kathy Helzlsouer, MD, MHS
  - Tobacco Prevention in the Mental Health Population, Joanne H. Ebner, RN, BSN, TTS
- Thank you to our generous conference sponsors.**