

**Maryland Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan  
Oral Cancer Committee**

September 21, 2009, 2 – 4 p.m.  
DHMH Conference Room L-3 (Lobby Level)

*Chair: Dr. Li Mao, Department of Oncology and Diagnostic Sciences, University of Maryland Dental School*

**MEETING SUMMARY**

<b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b>	<b><u>DISCUSSION SUMMARY</u></b>
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• n/a</li> </ul>
<b>Background and Goals of the MCCCCP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• n/a</li> </ul>
<b>Plan of Action for Committee</b>	<p><b>Review Committee Guidance document</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Issues Raised</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dr. Mao suggests meeting to discuss pending issues and assign committee members different pieces to work on; remaining meetings can be done via email or phone</li> <li>○ Should we make the plan (chapter) more readable for the general public?               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Developed for health professional community last time;</li> <li>○ Should have a shorter, accessible document for general public (separate from whole plan); keep full plan focused on health professionals</li> <li>○ Write the plan in plain language – but the main document should remain primarily for health care providers</li> <li>○ Document is similar to Healthy People 2010 and 2020 – designed for the people who will implement the strategies</li> <li>○ Office of Oral Health used chapter to guide activities – not sure how well it was used by other entities</li> <li>○ State funds were made available based on the previous Oral Cancer chapter</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Possible issues to include in chapter:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Many people don't have dental insurance and don't ask their medical doctor to check their mouth</li> <li>○ How do you incent doctors to take extra time to do these exams?</li> <li>○ Could create a guide directed toward</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<p>patients (include in chapter? On website?)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Possible objective for Medicaid and Medicare to include dental exams</li> <li>○ Reimbursement for doctors is important and mouth exams should be part of typical comprehensive physical examination</li> <li>○ If doctors are looking in the ears, should also look in the mouth and nose – should be part of normal annual exam</li> <li>○ Insurance implications are huge: a problem in the counties is that it is difficult to get reimbursements for biopsies, etc.</li> <li>○ The previous chapter has a large number of goals, objectives, strategies that might not be achievable; focusing in on 2 achievable goals with objectives and strategies attached is a good idea</li> <li>○ What is the best venue for screening: dentists or primary care providers? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Could push in the direction for dental community to be trained properly to do oral cancer exams – not taking advantage of this potential; many dentists are not trained to do oral exams</li> <li>○ Most high risk patients are going to ER or urgent care – not going to dentists; for this reason, might be better to focus on primary care physicians</li> <li>○ Baltimore City Dental Clinic – high risk group - sees many people for screenings; these patients are most likely to go to primary care</li> <li>○ Screening should be more spread to dental community</li> <li>○ Interested in seeing incidence and mortality data to help make these decisions</li> <li>○ CRF money has been cut in half – this will make it even more difficult for objectives to be achievable</li> <li>○ What have other states done in this area?</li> <li>○ MD is a leader in the nation in the area of oral health – has most data and more activity; let’s set up the next model</li> <li>○ A lot can be done with a little money too – go out into community to do screenings because people at high risk don’t seek out medical care: two prong approach – screenings available when people come to receive care and have it come out to their</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<p style="text-align: right;">community; possibly train dental hygienists?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ How to motivate people to do this work?</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Decisions Made</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Would like epidemiologist available at next meeting to go over data; Will revisit discussions after looking at data</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Review Oral Cancer Chapter Progress</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Issues Raised</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Would like volunteers to provide highlights and challenges on progress that has been made since previous chapter? (bullet points on what has been accomplished)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Decisions Made</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Harry, Alice &amp; Kelly will come up with some bullets on progress and challenges</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Set Meeting Dates/Times</b>	<p><b>Tentative future dates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friday, November 13 – morning; exact time and location TBD - will receive email with further information</li> </ul>
<b>Assignments for Next Meeting</b>	<p><b>Committee Member Assignments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress Highlights and Challenges (Harry, Alice, Kelly)</li> <li>• Think about the audience – separate document for lay public? (All)</li> <li>• Review previous chapter - look at objectives and think of whether they should stay/be dropped, etc. (All)</li> </ul> <p><b>Cancer Plan Staff Assignments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Send out firm meeting date/time/location, meeting summary and contact information list (including email)</li> <li>• Send out data prior to next meeting</li> <li>• Schedule Cancer Center staff (epidemiologist) to attend next meeting to explain data</li> </ul>