

Texas Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2007
American Cancer Society, Austin, TX
9:30 a.m.— 2:00 p.m.

Attending	Not Attending
<p>Mary Lou Adams, University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing</p> <p>Craig Schaefer, Survivorship Coalition/CancerCare Services</p> <p>Jo Ann Ward, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center</p> <p>Lynne Nguyen, Asian American Health Coalition</p> <p>Deborah Vollmer - Dahlke, EmergingMed</p> <p>Sandra San Miguel, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio</p> <p>Georgia Grant, North East Texas Colorectal Cancer Coalition</p> <p>Lucas Wong, Scott & White Hospital</p> <p>Jennifer Smith, Texas Department of State Health Services</p> <p>Lynda Klyng (for Billy Philips) University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston</p> <p>Tricia Jones, Texas Department of State Health Services</p> <p>Karen Torges, American Cancer Society, High Plains Division</p> <p>Carol Rice, Texas Cooperative Extension</p> <p>Armin Weinberg, Baylor College of Medicine</p> <p>Lewis Foxhall, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center</p> <p>Jane Osmond, Texas Cancer Council</p> <p>Grady Basler, Dental Oncology Education Program</p> <p>Davor Vugrin, Texas Tech University</p> <p>Ramona Magid, Komen for the Cure --Austin</p> <p>Stephanie Gonzalez, Physician Oncology Education Program</p> <p>Phil Huang, Texas Department of State Health Services</p> <p>Juanita Salinas, Texas Department of State Health Services</p> <p>Joni Watson, Nurse Oncology Education Program</p> <p>John Hopkins, Texas Cancer Registry</p> <p>Ginny Thompson, Cancer Information Service</p> <p>Linda Civallero, Cancer Information Service</p> <p>Susan Griffin, Texas Alliance for Healthy Kids Action</p> <p>Sister Mary Jane Strauch, Valley Colorectal</p> <p>Heather Becker, University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing</p> <p>Lee Land, University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing</p> <p>Glenna Stewart, Texas Department of State Health Services</p> <p>Penny Harmonson, Texas Department of State Health Services</p> <p>Carla Strom, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center</p> <p>Lauri Kalanges, Texas Department of State Health Services</p> <p>Helen Petty, American Cancer Society, High Plains Division</p> <p>Sharron Cox, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center</p> <p>Lisa Reeve, Scott & White Hospital</p> <p>Stephanie Uecker, Texas Cancer Council</p>	<p>Pam Jackson, Intercultural Cancer Council</p> <p>Barry Feig, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center</p> <p>Joel Dunnington, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center</p> <p>Amelie Ramirez, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio</p> <p>Mike Dany, American Cancer Society, High Plains Division</p> <p>Karen Jackson, Sisters Network, Inc.</p> <p>Maria Fernandez, University of Texas Health Science Center</p> <p>Elizabeth Sjoberg, Texas Hospital Association</p> <p>Andy Miller, Lance Armstrong Foundation</p> <p>Maureen Sanderson, University of Texas School of Public Health at Brownsville</p> <p>Sandra Balderrama, Texas Cancer Council</p> <p>Nancy Weiss, Texas Cancer Registry</p> <p>Billy Philips, University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston</p> <p>Haley Justice, Lance Armstrong Foundation</p>

Welcome & Announcements

Mary Lou Adams opened the meeting at 9:40 a.m. and welcomed and thanked all for their thoughts and prayers during her husband's illness. She reported that he is doing much better now.

Approval of Minutes

The February 15, 2007 Coalition meeting minutes were approved.

Housekeeping

Stephanie Uecker asked members to complete and hand in their donated hours forms to her today for March/April/May and reported that once the last 2007 linkage letter is received, we will have 100% response. She also reminded everyone that she couldn't forward emails to the membership that ask them to lobby for bills.

Evaluation Update

Heather Becker shared a PowerPoint presentation that outlined the preliminary 2007 Coalition evaluation results. Overall, members reported that the Coalition is beneficial to them for its networking and information-sharing opportunities. The final report will be ready in about a month.

The overall take-home message is that members believe that:

- Coalition structure has improved over time
- Information sharing is popular
- The Coalition should continue with or without CDC funding
- Goal Subcommittees need to have more concrete results
- Member commitment has strengthened over time

Other Key Points

The TCCCC's Most Important Accomplishments/Benefits:

- Coalescing partners for sharing, planning, and goal activities
- Toolkit and its dissemination
- Community coalition activities

How the TCCCC Could Be Improved:

- More diverse representation
- More focus on results-oriented goal committee activities
- More sharing of "best practices" particularly around local programs

Questions and comments followed included a discussion about whether the annual Coalition survey should be sent to nonmembers in order to collect feedback about how they view and/or if they know about the existence of the Coalition. This discussion led to an idea about creating a one-page talking points document that members could use to share information with others outside the Coalition. This eventually led to the circulation of a Communications Committee sign-up sheet to gather volunteers to develop a marketing plan, a PowerPoint presentation, and a fact sheet.

The new Communications Committee members are:

Davor Vugrin
Lewis Foxhall
Phil Huang
Armin Weinberg
Lynne Nguyen
Jane Osmond
Carol Rice
Juanita Salinas
Carla Strom

Action: Stephanie will coordinate a conference call of the Communications Committee so it can begin development of a marketing plan, a PowerPoint presentation, and a fact sheet.

Action: Stephanie will email everyone Heather's PowerPoint presentation.

BRFSS Data from Lubbock & Smith Counties

Heather Becker also shared two handouts that showed oversampled BRFSS data across time for Lubbock and Smith Counties. (The handouts are attached at the end of the minutes.) The 2006 colorectal numbers from Lubbock are encouraging. Juanita Salinas stated that BRFSS is looking for questions for 2008 so if anyone has any extra money and would like to add questions to the survey, please contact her before the end of September. The price per question is approximately \$2K-\$3K and it's \$50 per survey.

CCC Grant & CRC Dialogue for Action Grant Update

Juanita Salinas reported that she is still waiting to hear from the CDC about their response to the grant application she may not know any news until mid-May or June. She also stated that there is the potential for substantial reductions. Juanita shared that Texas was not selected to host a CDC Dialogue for Action and that she will share the strengths and weaknesses feedback with all when she receives it. Coalition members thanked Juanita for her quick turnaround on getting the Dialogue grant out the door. Juanita also shared a final draft of the work plan for the next 5-year cycle.

Legislative Update

James Gray provided a legislative update from the Capitol via speakerphone.

Cancer Research & Prevention Institute—This is moving forward. There's an increase from 5% to 10% (\$30 million) for prevention. Lt. Governor David Dewhurst is not onboard and the clock is ticking.

Smoke Free Texas—There is a stalemate going on and it's hard to move forward. He should know more in the next 24-48 hours.

State Appropriations—There is an increase of \$10 million for tobacco control and \$30 million for the biennium, which is not enough to do what needs to be done.

Breast & Cervical—There will be more latitude about who is screened and treated.

Texas Cancer Registry—They are at the level they requested.

Member Updates

Jane Osmond-- Reported that Helen Ross Petty and the NOEP staff did a stellar job planning and coordinating the Tools for Texans conference in Austin April 19-20. Over 120 people attended and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

Phil Huang—There will be a regional training in Austin October 16-17 on the use of outcome indicators. C-Change is still making the business case for cancer screening and tobacco cessation in the workplace and is making progress with getting marketing materials to the business community. The C-Change Tobacco Team is still interested in helping Texas cost out the Texas Cancer Plan for possible future collaborative legislative efforts to raise the tobacco tax. Kansas has a model that we could reference whenever we want to start working on this.

Carol Rice—Her two Texas Cancer Council-funded projects aim to reduce tobacco use in rural Texas counties. They've had big success going into schools in nine counties and have received more requests than they can handle.

Karen Torges— Will be leaving the meeting early to attend an ACS meeting downtown. She reported good collaboration of 20 entities for the pain summit has resulted in a pain plan that is about to roll out.

Juanita Salinas—

Carla Strom—

Sharron Cox—Recently joined Dr. Foxhall's staff and is exploring survivorship issues.

Armin Weinberg—Baylor received NCI designation. The "Voices in the Community" program is working with community-based organizations. C-Change has a downloadable speaker's kit to use to encourage people to enter the cancer workforce. The kit can be downloaded from www.c-changetogether.org.

Linda Civallo—Working on a demonstration project for the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Studies and recruiting Hispanic participants for a navigational program. NCI is in its third year of a 5-year contract and recently had a really good site visit.

Craig Schaefer—Has two Texas Cancer Council-funded projects. The cancer couples retreat was a life-changing experience for those who attended. They're doing detailed needs assessment in three surrounding counties and should have some results by the end of August. Two hundred people attended CancerCare Services' fund raising lunch and donated a record amount of \$115K.

Ginny Thompson—Working with Prairie View A&M on a grant to disseminate the "Body & Soul" program to African-American churches. Also working with Maria Fernandez on cervical cancer issues on the Texas-Mexico border.

Ramona Magid—Went to Washington, DC two weeks ago for advocacy days where Komen advocates made hundreds of visits to lawmakers. Working with James Gray on HB 14. Komen recently awarded \$900K in grants to Austin programs.

Glenna Stewart—Amarillo coalition building continues and there will be a Tool Kit workshop there June 12. The coalition in Wichita Falls has been meeting for over a year and is looking for money to support its efforts. Five follow-up Tool Kit workshops are being planned that will cover using evidence-based practices, using data coalition building, and finding funding.

Heather Becker—Doing follow-up surveys with Tool Kit workshop attendees.

Sister Mary Jane Strauch—Some of her grants are winding down and some are changing into something else. An Avon breast cancer grant just started. Two active support groups are ongoing.

Susan Griffin—TAHKA is administering a grant called "Students Taking Charge" at schools in Dallas, Houston, and San Antonio.

Sandra San Miguel—They have a patient navigator project funded by Pfizer. Women with abnormal paps and breast exams are working with navigators in San Antonio. Working on a two-year breast cancer genetic study. Working on PSAs to increase screenings. They're recruiting staff & faculty for all levels of their organization in San Antonio.

Tricia Jones—Is releasing names of contractors today and will have a contractor training in June. HPV curriculum is to be developed.

Lauri Kalanges—Is the new medical director of the Prevention & Primary Care Unit at DSHS.

Lee Land—Is finishing data collection for the annual Coalition member survey. He's graduating and moving to Eugene, OR.

Lynda Klyng (for Billy Philips)—Dr. Philips was invited to a health fair in Victoria that had 400 attendees. He's also doing workshops in Galveston and San Angelo. CNNT is in its third reprint of the CancerCare Passport and they've mailed out over 4,000 copies in the last three weeks.

Stephanie Gonzalez—Collaborating with Baylor on physician survey. New ACS pocket guide will be ready soon and on the web. Collaborated with NOEP & DOEP on a survivorship conference. 136 people attended POEP's annual symposium.

Joni Watson—Thanked everyone who helped make the Tools for Texans conference a success. NOEP's last colorectal conference is in July. They're wrapping up their nursing school survey. They'll pilot their first survivorship curriculum module in the fall.

Grady Basler—Their state convention was last week and 14,000 attended in San Antonio. Working on identifying fellowship attendees from remote areas to send to MDACC. Planning February conference that will feature internationally renowned speakers.

Penny Harmonson—Trying to go statewide with tobacco prevention but need \$60 million to do that and the program will only receive \$30 million. There is a tobacco conference at the Woodlands June 22-25. Rodeo stars are working on anti-tobacco PSAs for rural kids.

John Hopkins—The Texas Cancer Registry received Gold Certification for the second straight year. The upcoming call will be for 2005. It will be the first year for collaborative staging rules, which will be a challenge. TCR is helping to develop a 4-year degree program via distance learning. Graduates will receive their degrees from UT-Brownsville.

Lucas Wong— Developing trials with Michael Fish at MDACC.

Lisa Reeve—Since March 2007, 35 patients have entered cancer-control trials. Planning annual cancer screening of insured people in Central Texas via a Komen grant. Screening will take place in three locations and Spanish-speaking staff will be available. Scott & White recently celebrated LIVESTRONG day with one thousand employees.

Jo Ann Ward—Ginny Thompson received the Komen Award for Outstanding Volunteer of the Year. Started a new collaboration with Prevention Magazine. A small citywide group has formed to work on survivorship issues in Houston.

Lewis Foxhall—TCDC is adding community coalition information to its site. Working on a template for statewide use. Lots of folks at MDACC are working on survivorship issues right now.

Mary Lou Adams—Dissertation students are using Tools from the ABCO project.

Davor Vugrin—TV stations, schoolteachers, supermarket chains, healthcare providers, and other businesses are distributing colorectal cancer materials. 2006 BRFSS data from Lubbock is encouraging.

Lynne Nguyen—Is back at MDACC in the Health Disparities Department.

Deborah Vollmer-Dahlke—EmergingMed is prescreening 2500 per month in the United States. Working on a survey to determine barriers to trials.

Goal Subcommittee Breakouts

The Goal Subcommittees met to discuss their work and to develop action steps for implementing the strategies and/or outputs listed.

Goal Chairs Report

Goal I—Phil Huang and the subcommittee asked all Coalition members to take a “baby step” toward adopting their smoke-free meeting call to action. They asked that all members start by adopting the policy within their own units or departments. The Westin and Marriott chains are 100% smoke free. The subcommittee will draft a letter to send to non- smoke-free chains encouraging them in gentle, diplomatic language to consider going smoke-free.

Goal II—Juanita Salinas (sat in for Karen Torges) said the subcommittee wants to contact communities to see if they've done any work on colorectal cancer barriers to screening. The subcommittee needs to reform since Texas didn't get the Dialogue for Action grant. She said they intend to meet monthly.

Goal III—Deborah Vollmer-Dahlke stated that their spit tobacco module was launched by NOEP on April 24 and they are applying for a Pfizer grant to market the module. They intend to work on pain and survivorship modules next.

Goal IV—John Hopkins explained that the subcommittee incorporated tobacco, colorectal cancer, and survivorship goals to their goal document. John will contact the chairs of the other four goal subcommittees to establish data needs and then an action plan. He suggested that the Coalition send hospitals a thank you letter to let them know how we're using the data we've requested from them.

Goal V—Ramona Magid reported that the subcommittee has almost completed its survivorship website reviews. They now own the portal name! Sharron Cox, Jo Ann Ward, and Carolyn Bernard will review the spreadsheet of all reviewed sites to determine what sites will go on the new portal. They hope that the newly organized Communications Committee will help them market the portal.

Action: Stephanie will contact goal chairs to coordinate conference calls in June and July.

Action: Phil Huang and the Goal I Subcommittee will draft a letter to send to hotel chains.

Action: John Hopkins will discuss data needs with the other four goal chairs.

Action: Stephanie will work with John Hopkins about thank you letters to hospitals.

Action: All goal subcommittee chairs will email Stephanie their current goal documents.

August Strategic Meeting Date Change

Due to a conflict with a CDC meeting, the August strategic meeting date was changed to Wednesday, August 22, 2007, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in room 224 at the American Cancer Society in Austin.

Wrap up/Adjourn

Mary Lou Adams thanked all for their participation and ended the meeting ended at 2:00 p.m.

NOTE: A brief meeting occurred in the room afterwards that included the attendees of the Comprehensive Cancer Control Leadership Institute in Los Angeles June 5-8, 2007.

Risk Factors	Areas	Sample Size	Percent (%)
Current Smoker¹ (Smoked at least 100 cigarettes in entire life and now smokes on some or all days)			
	Texas	29,310	21.9
	Lubbock	388	25.2
	Smith	276	19.3
Have never used a Blood Stool Test Kit³ (50+ years and older)			
	Texas	7,178	61.9
	Lubbock	87	62.7
	Smith	72	50.5
Have Never Had a Sigmoidoscopy or Colonoscopy (50+ years and older)³			
	Texas	7,143	54.3
	Lubbock	86	52.0
	Smith	72	52.1
Have ever had a Pap test (Women 18+ years and older)⁴			
	Texas	10,512	93.3
	Lubbock	127	95.3
	Smith	99	95.4
Have Never had a Mammogram?⁴			
	Texas	10,561	40.3
	Lubbock	127	35.8
	Smith	99	28.3
Have Never had a digital rectal exam³ (Males 40 years and older)			
	Texas	4,182	28.7
	Lubbock	50	17.5
	Smith	*	*
¹ All years combined; ² Years 2001 through 2004 combined; ³ Years 2001, 2002, and 2004 combined; ⁴ Years 2000, 2002, 2004 combined; ⁵ Years 2000 and 2002 combined *Sample size is less than 50.			
Note: All reported rates (percents) are weighted for Texas demographics and the probability of selection. Source: Texas Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System combined 2000-2004			

Table 10: Selected Cancer Screening Risk Factors for Lubbock and Smith Counties, and Texas, Adults Ages 18+ Years (BRFSS, 2000-2004)

Risk Factors	Areas	Sample Size	Percent (%)
Current Smoker (Smoked at least 100 cigarettes in entire life and now smokes on some or all days)			
	Texas	6,824	17.9 (16.3 – 19.7)
	Lubbock	546	21.5 (16.9 – 26.9)
	Smith	233	21.2 (13.8 – 31.2)
Never Used a Blood Stool Test Kit (50+ Years and Older)			
	Texas	3,551	60.0 (57.3 – 62.6)
	Lubbock	288	62.9 (56.6 – 68.9)
	Smith	146	61.8 (50.4 – 72.1)
Never Had a Sigmoidoscopy or Colonoscopy (50+ Years and Older)			
	Texas	3,549	43.7 (41.0 – 46.4)
	Lubbock	284	34.0 (28.0 – 40.5)
	Smith	145	44.5 (31.7 – 58.0)
Ever Had a Pap test (Women 18+ Years and Older)			
	Texas	4,172	91.3 (88.6 – 93.4)
	Lubbock	338	91.9 (87.6 – 94.7)
	Smith	142	90.3 (76.2 – 96.5)
Never Had a Mammogram (Women)			
	Texas	4,264	38.6 (35.8 – 41.6)
	Lubbock	349	41.4 (34.2 – 49.0)
	Smith	144	30.2 (19.9 – 43.0)
Never Had a Digital Rectal Exam (Males 40 Years and Older)			
	Texas	1,710	29.1 (25.6 – 33.0)
	Lubbock	118	30.1 (20.8 – 41.3)
	Smith	64	27.1 (16.3 – 41.6)
Note: All reported rates (percents) are weighted for Texas demographics and the probability of selection.			
Source: 2006 Texas Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System			

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