

**Texas Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2009
American Cancer Society, Austin, TX
9:30am - 2:00pm**

Attending	Not Attending
<p>Davor Vugrin, Texas Tech University, Chair Armin Weinberg, Baylor College of Medicine, Chair Elect Mary Lou Adams, UT Austin School of Nursing, Immediate Past Chair Carol Rice, Texas AgriLife Extension, Member At Large Barbara Keir, Dept. of State Health Services, DSHS Rep Michelle Frerich (for Sandra Balderrama), Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas, CPRIT Rep Phil Huang, Austin Travis County Health and Human Services Department, Prevention Work Group Co- Chair Deborah Vollmer - Dahlke, DVD Associates, Prevention Work Group Co- Chair Karen Torges, (KT) American Cancer Society, High Plains Division, Early Detection & Treatment Work Group Co-Chair Maria Fernandez, UTHSC-Houston School of Public Health, Early Detection & Treatment Work Group Co- Chair John Hopkins, Texas Cancer Registry, Data Liaison to Work Groups Venus Gines, Dia de la Mujer Latina, Inc., Survivorship Work Group Co-Chair Sister Mary Jane Strauch, Valley Colorectal, Survivorship Work Group Co-Chair Juanita Salinas, Dept. of State Health Services Stephanie Uecker, Dept. of State Health Services Jennifer Smith, Dept. of State Health Services Penny Harmonson, Dept. of State Health Services Ramona Magid, Susan G. Komen for the Cure-Austin Haley Justice, Lance Armstrong Foundation Andy Miller, Lance Armstrong Foundation Grady Basler, Dental Oncology Education Program Heather Becker, UT at Austin School of Nursing Stephanie Gonzalez, Physician Oncology Education Program Joni Watson, Nurse Oncology Education Program Susan Griffin, Texas Action for Healthy Kids Alliance Melanie Williams, Texas Cancer Registry Gracie Guajardo, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Austin Dorothy Gibbons, Breast Health Collaborative of TX Craig Schaefer, Survivorship Coalition/Cancer Care Services Amelie Ramirez, (via phone)UTHSC at San Antonio Chris Scherer (for Lucas Wong) Scott & White Hospital Ginny Thompson, Cancer Information Service Jo Ann Ward, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Edith Silvas, (for Sharron Cox) M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Catherine Ronaghan, Committee on Cancer, North Texas Hari Dayal</p> <p>Guests: Marcie Moerbe, Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas Jayson Killough, YMCA Dallas Deana Gehring, UTMB - Galveston Dr. Alai Tan, UTMB - Galveston Courtney Schoessow, Cancer Information Service Anne Moore, Texans for Compassionate Care</p>	<p>Sandra Balderrama, Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas Lynne Nguyen, Asian American Health Coalition Billy Philips, UTMB at Galveston Cherry Evans, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Houston Tina Garcia, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Dallas Mike Dany, American Cancer Society, High Plains Division Karen Jackson, Sisters Network, Inc. Diane Mitschke, UT - Arlington Elizabeth Sjoberg, Texas Hospital Association Helen Ross Petty, Texas Partnership for End of Life Care, Alliance of State Pain Initiatives Lewis Foxhall, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Sharron Cox, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Carla Strom, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Joel Dunnington, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center</p>

Welcome

Davor Vugrin, chair, opened the meeting at 9:30am with welcome and thanks to all for coming. Brief introductions of attendees followed.

Approval of Minutes

Members approved the November 2008 TCCCC quarterly meeting minutes.

Housekeeping

Stephanie Uecker asked members to complete the donated hours form and mentioned that the Comprehensive Cancer Control Program at DSHS relies on this information to demonstrate member/partner support for the Coalition in its reports to the CDC twice a year.

2009 Coalition Evaluation Survey

Dr. Heather Becker administered this year's survey and members were given time to complete it during the meeting.

Legislative Update

James Gray provided an overview of the American Cancer Society legislative priorities for this legislative session, which include:

- Statewide Smokefree – Supporters include Sen. Jane Nelson, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, and the Texas Restaurant Association.
- Breast & Cervical Cancer Program funding – He doesn't anticipate any funding cut here but we have to stay engaged to ensure that doesn't happen.
- Texas Cancer Registry funding – There is talk of moving TCR to CPRIT.
- Obesity – There has been a bill introduced to put PE back into specific grades.
- Pain Management – Drug enforcement is hurting pain management for patients.

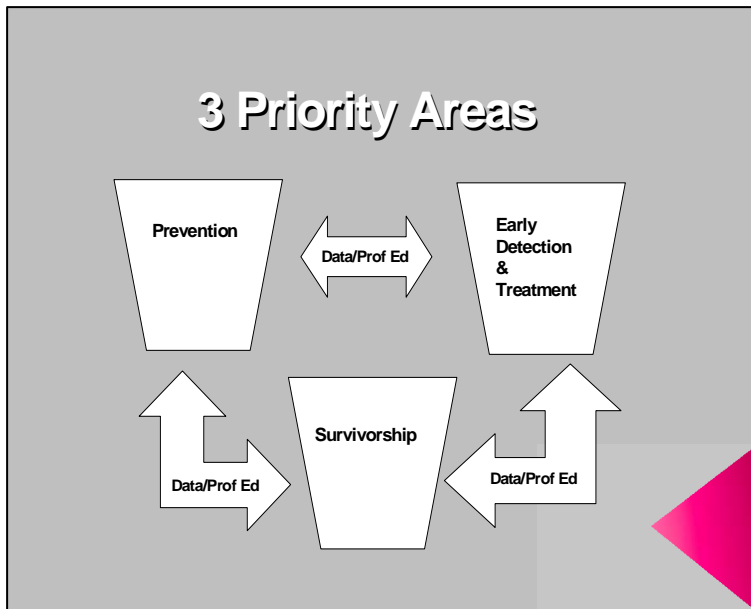
KT mentioned that TCCCC advocacy partners such as the American Cancer Society, the Lance Armstrong Foundation, Susan G. Komen for the Cure, would be fully engaged during the session.

Proposal: *From 5 Goal Subcommittees to 3 Priority Areas*

Dr. Armin Weinberg brought members up to date on the ongoing discussion regarding restructuring the Goal Subcommittees.

To recap, feedback from members indicated a desire to restructure how the Coalition implements the *Texas Cancer Plan* and that the current structure wasn't flexible enough and work was starting to stagnate.

As a result, at the November 6, 2008 quarterly meeting, John Hopkins & Deborah Vollmer-Dahlke facilitated a discussion that led to the development of the model below:

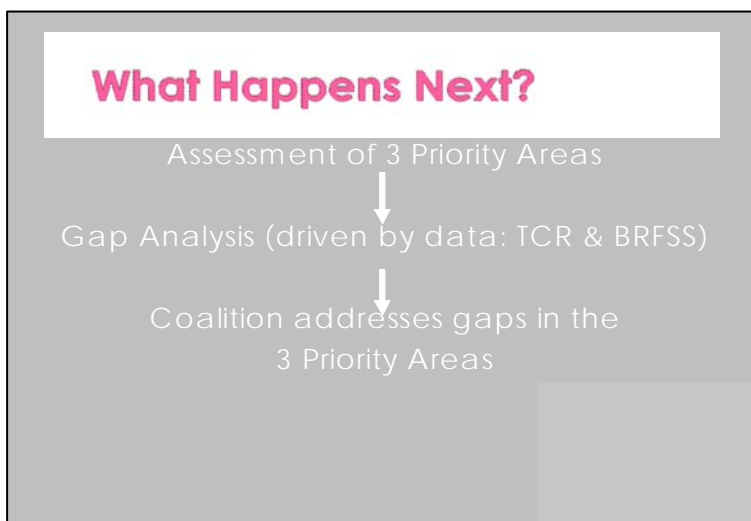


Members believe the new 3 Priority Area structure affords more flexibility and encourages new cross pollination among members.

Comments:

On behalf of the Oncology Education Programs (OEPs), Grady Basler expressed concern about the new model in relation to the role of professional education. He reminded members of the Goal III Professional Education Subcommittee’s accomplishments and was worried that momentum could be lost in that area. He asked members to reconsider adopting this model and there was strong support for keeping the OEPs as an intact group. There was consensus for this idea and a new graphic will be created to illustrate the change.

Based on the discussion at the November 6, 2008 quarterly meeting, members indicated that the 3 Priority Areas would have a work flow that would look something like this:



Members adopted by consensus the modified 3 Priority Area structure that would better reflect the role of the OEPs in relation to each priority area.

Action: Stephanie Uecker will seek help to develop a revised graphic to accurately reflect how the OEPs and Professional Education are linked to the priority areas.

Cost of Cancer Project Update

Dr. Melanie Williams of the Texas Cancer Registry and Dr. Alai Tan of the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston provided a project update.

In 2000, the University of Texas LBJ School of Public Affairs estimated 1998 total cancer costs to be \$14.0 billion, with \$4.9 billion in direct costs and \$9.1 billion in indirect costs due to lost productivity from cancer morbidity and mortality. A new study conducted by a team of researchers at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston has just been completed and updates those cost estimates to reflect cancer costs in Texas for 2007.

- Estimates indicate that the total cost of cancer in Texas in 2007 was \$21.9 billion.
- The direct cost was \$10.0 billion, with \$7.7 billion for cancer health care.
- The indirect cost of cancer due to morbidity and mortality was estimated at \$11.8 billion.
- The cost of cancer-related programs in Texas from State Agencies, non-profits, and foundations was approximately \$78.5 million.

This report also provides estimates of cost of cancer care for eighteen common cancers, as well as estimates of other cost components for the four most common cancers (colorectal, lung, breast and prostate cancer).

The Texas Cancer Registry (TCR), Texas Department of State Health Services funded this study, to update the cost of cancer in Texas for assistance in public health and health care policy making, evaluate and use its data for the first time in measuring the economic burden of cancer, and provide additional insight for further enhancing TCR data to support this important area of research.

Comments:

New TCCCC member, Dr. Hari Dayal, a former Cost of Cancer project team member, shared an alternative perspective and provided three copies of an alternative report to TCCCC leadership.

Dr. Armin Weinberg offered to host a Cost of Cancer WebEx session so that members could spend more time with the data and have a more in-depth Q&A session.

TCCCC at the November C-Change Conference

KT reported that she, Deborah Vollmer-Dahlke and Dr. Davor Vugrin traveled to College Station and attended the Annual C-Change Meeting and the 10th Anniversary Celebration on November 13 and 14. Dr. Vugrin delivered a welcoming address from Governor Perry, Texas Senate and TCCCC at the C-Change meeting opening. Thanks to Deborah a nicely framed Letter of Greeting from Honorable Governor Rick Perry and Proclamation from the Texas Senate signed by Senator Jane Nelson were presented to C-Change. KT provided a short presentation of Texas cancer prevention & control highlights. KT reported that 300-400 attended and she received about 20 requests for follow-up.

TCCCC/C-Change members Phil Huang and Armin Weinberg also attended. Armin stated that he thought TCCCC had been well received by C-Change.

Comprehensive Cancer Control Program Update

Juanita Salinas reported progress on the FY 09 TCCCC objectives.

CDC Colorectal Cancer Funding Opportunity Announcement

Juanita Salinas reported that she'd forwarded members information about the CDC Colorectal Cancer Funding Opportunity Announcement and that Pat Dames from the DSHS Breast & Cervical Cancer Program would offer additional information. A letter of support from the TCCCC will be required for the application. The grant is open to health departments or their designated bona fide agents.

Pat Dames stated that DSHS is not applying for the colorectal cancer funds because it does not have the infrastructure to fulfill the grant requirements. She said that her staff would send out the FOA to their contractors to see if there was any interest.

Dr. Maria Fernandez stated that Texas has been waiting for a colorectal cancer screening opportunity like this since there are never funds available for screening – only for education. She strongly urged DSHS and TCCCC not to miss out on this unique opportunity.

CPRIT Staff Update

Michelle Frerich assured members that CPRIT very much wants to be a member of the TCCCC and that there will be a representative at quarterly meetings. She reported that CPRIT received emergency funding for 21 new positions and that they would announce the name of their new executive director soon. Finally, Michelle said that CPRIT was moving from W. 51st & North Lamar back to their previous building at 7th & Brazos in downtown Austin, just a few blocks from the Capitol Building.

YMCA Presentation w/ Q&A

Guest Jayson Killough, Executive Director, Lake Highlands YMCA, in Dallas reported that the Lance Armstrong Foundation has partnered with the YMCA of the USA to create "LIVESTRONG at the YMCA," a physical activity program for cancer survivors. Currently, the program is being piloted in 10 YMCAs across the country. The Lake Highlands Family YMCA in Dallas, TX has joined the initiative to involve research based program designs to focus on the specific wants, needs, and interests of cancer survivors. Cancer survivors can participate in the following three programs at the Lake Highlands branch: Healing Stretch, Gentle Pilates, and the Wellness Enhancement Program.

Breakout Session/Instructions

Today

Members join one of the 3 Priority Areas:

1. Prevention -- Room 224 (this room)
2. Early Detection & Treatment -- Room 226A across the hall
3. Survivorship -- Room 226B across the hall

Overall scope of ongoing assignment for each group (beyond today's meeting)

- ID knowledge & data gaps in your selected priority area
- ID TCCCC role for filling the knowledge & data gaps for select priority areas
- Develop a work plan for filling the knowledge & data gaps for the select priority areas
- Identify resources for filling gaps
- Tell the story –contribution vs. attribution

By the end of today's breakout session

1. Create a member roster
2. Select chair/co-chairs
3. Review & approve date for presentation to Coalition
 - April 30 - Prevention
 - August 6 – Early Detection & Treatment

November 5 – Survivorship

4. Identify data sources to be researched by next meeting

Work Group Chairs Report Out

Prevention - New co-chairs are Phil Huang and Deborah Vollmer-Dahlke. The OEPs will work with the Prevention Work Group first and then rotate to the other two.

Early Detection & Treatment - New co-chairs are Karen Torges and Maria Fernandez.

Survivorship – New co-chairs are Sister Mary Jane Strauch and Venus Gines.

Action: Stephanie will contact the chairs to coordinate conference calls accordingly and create member rosters for group dissemination.

Member Announcements before Adjournment

Dr. Armin Weinberg – The Intercultural Cancer Council sent a support letter to NCI on behalf of CIS. He will be meeting soon with NCI director, Dr. Neiderhuber and will continue to express concern about the elimination of CIS.

Ginny Thompson – She thanked all for their support letters and encouraged more. There is hope that with the change in presidential administrations, there may be changes at NCI that may be more favorable to keeping CIS.

Dr. Maria Fernandez – Texas Latinos in a Network for Cancer Control (LINCC) will be asking members for support letters for continued funding of the project.

Wrap Up/Adjourn

Dr. Vugrin thanked everyone for all their dedication and ended the meeting shortly after 2:00pm.

2009 TCCCC Meeting Dates

April 30

August 6

November 5