

THE COALITION VOICE

A newsletter of the
Texas Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition
June 2004



Welcome to the June edition of the Texas Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition E-Newsletter.

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TRAINING CALENDAR

REMINDERS

Saturday, Tuesday, July 26-29, Navasota, All Well Institute
Developing Leaders for School Health – Get More in 2004: Health Kids/Healthy Schools
Located at the Camp Allen Retreat Center. For more information, visit www.schoolhealth.info and click on the *star*, or contact Shelley Summers at 512/919-1726 or email Shelley.Summers@cancer.org.

Wednesday/Thursday, August 25-26 – Texas Medical Association, Austin
Grant writing/application training at a rate you can afford!!!
The Physician Oncology Education Program (POEP) hosts the State Grants Team August 25-26, 2004. Just \$75 for a 2-day training session. Seating is limited to 20, so please call Karen Baskin at 512.370.1672 to reserve your space. **Saturday**

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CONFERENCES

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Nurse Oncology Education Program Conference schedule:
The following events are available for nurses.
June 25 – Pain Management, Bryan
July 23 – Pain and Palliative Care, Denison
August 28 – Annual Oncology Symposium, Lubbock
For more information or to register go to www.noeptexas.org or call 800.515.6770

NEWS NEWS NEWS

TENTATIVE COALITION MEETING DATES

Mark your calendars for the next meetings of the Texas Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition.

- ◆ Tuesday, August 24
- ◆ Tuesday, October 26

ADDITIONS TO COALITION WEB SITE

The Community Forums Report presenting input into the *Texas Cancer Plan* from eight Texas communities can be found at the Coalition website:

www.texascancercoalition.org

SPEAK UP ON THE TEXAS CANCER PLAN

Now is the time for all good Coalition members to come to the aid of ...the *Texas Cancer Plan* update. As you know, the Plan update process is actively underway, so don't procrastinate. If you have ideas you have not already voiced or would like to reiterate, send them to tcupdate@texascancerplan.org. If you need a refresher about the 1998 Plan's contents, you will find a copy at www.texascancerplan.org.

**"FIRST PERSON PLURAL":
INNOVATIVE ONLINE DIALOGUE PROJECT LAUNCHED**

For two weeks beginning June 7, women who have had breast cancer are invited to join an online dialog entitled "First Person Plural". Women can log in at their own convenience, read comments and ideas from other women, and post their own thoughts and experiences. Each woman is assigned to a small group, which creates a more personal atmosphere for discussion but will also be able to read what's being discussed in other small groups. To insure privacy, each participant chooses a screen name.

Project organizers will create a book based entirely on the messages posted during the dialogue. Proceeds from this non-profit project will benefit organizations providing breast cancer support, information and advocacy. In addition to the Intercultural Cancer Council, partners include Living Beyond Breast Cancer, NABCO, Sisters Network Inc., the Mautner Project for Lesbians with Cancer, Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization, Young Survival Coalition, and Breastcancer.org

WEAR YELLOW: LIVE STRONG CAMPAIGN: 5 MILLION STRONG

The Wear Yellow: Live Strong Campaign is a generous pledge from Nike to support Lance Armstrong, the Lance Armstrong Foundation (LAF), and young people living with cancer. Nike is donating \$1 million to the LAF and raising \$5 million through the sale of yellow wrist bands (\$1 each). LAF will give \$25,000 to the state coalition where the most bracelets are sold.

SIGN UP FOR ACS'S WOMEN'S HEALTH NEWSLETTER

Sign up online to receive women's health messages from the American Cancer Society. Subscribers will be added to the e-mail list to receive a link to each issue. Visit www.acs-tx.org/subscribe to put yourself and your friends on the list.

Thank you for your interest in the Texas Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition. Please direct your comments about the newsletter or questions about the Coalition to Susan Nenny, snenney@tcc.state.tx.us or call 512/463-3190 ext. 103.