



Alabama
COMPREHENSIVE CANCER
CONTROL COALITION

QUARTERLY NEWS

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Member Spotlight: Meet the Executive Committee

Chairperson - DINA AVERY, DHSc, MA, MAEd



Dr. Dina Avery is Assistant Professor for the UAB School of Health Professions and Associate Scientist for the UAB Minority Health & Health Disparities Research Center. In addition, she is the elected Chairperson for the Alabama Department of Public Health, Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition. Dr. Avery is knowledgeable in the areas of community based participatory research, coalition capacity building, drug development, clinical trials, health disparities research, and regulatory compliance. She speaks across the globe, regarding biobanking practices. Dr. Avery is a sought after speaker, business owner serving the drug discovery community, author, and filmmaker.

Vice-Chairperson - HEATHER ADAMS



Heather Adams is a Senior Program Manager for Cancer Control at the American Cancer Society, Inc. where she manages program and grant implementation for the states of Alabama, New Mexico and Oklahoma. Additionally, she is the recipient of a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant and her Health Equity Pilot Community Project focuses on addressing food insecurity and access to care in Prichard, AL. Heather is the elected Vice Chairperson of the Alabama Department of Public Health's Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition, as well as a member of the Kiwanis Club of Montgomery.

Secretary - CHELSEA GREEN, MPH



Chelsea Green is the elected Secretary of the Alabama Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition. She is a Research Coordinator in the Cancer Control and Prevention division at the University of South Alabama Mitchell Cancer Institute (MCI). She received both her Bachelor's degree and her Master of Public Health degree from Samford University. Chelsea's previous research focuses primarily on HPV-associated cancers and the HPV vaccine. In addition to study planning, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation, she also serves as a supportive care coach for caregivers of advanced cancer patients.

ACCCC Committees

Access to Care Committee

Chair: Mary Elizabeth Brooks

Co-Chair: Janel Lowman

Early Detection Committee:

Chair: JoAnn Oliver

Co-Chair: Kimberly Williams

Prevention Committee

Chair: John Waterbor

Co-Chair: Rochelle Wallace

Survivorship & Palliative Care Committee

Chair: Jennifer Bail

Co-Chair: Jennifer Hicks

Committees are holding working calls in between quarterly ACCCC meetings. Email Lakita.Hawes@adph.state.al.us to be added to a committee!

Calls to Action

- *Join a committee*
- *Invite a prospective member to the next meeting: Friday, July 16th (via Zoom)*

FYI

(clickable links)

- **FDA Announces Intention to Prohibit Menthol Flavoring in Cigarettes and All Flavors in Cigars**
- **The American Cancer Society Encourages Parents to Reschedule Missed Vaccine Visits for Kids**
- **Common Questions About the COVID-19 Outbreak**
- **When Should You Start Getting Screened for Colorectal Cancer?**

Return to Cancer Screening During COVID-19

Many optional medical procedures were postponed in 2020 due to COVID-19. The American Cancer Society is promoting the return to cancer screening, citing the following:

- Regular cancer screening is very important
- It is safe to get cancer screening tests
- You may have options for cancer screening, including some screening tests that can be done safely from home

For more information, visit <https://www.cancer.org/healthy/find-cancer-early/cancer-screening-during-covid-19-pandemic.html>

Return to Cancer Screening Quality Improvement Project and Clinical Study Now Available

An elective Plan/Do/Study/Act (PDSA) 2021 quality improvement project and clinical study are now available for all Commission on Cancer and National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC) sites who wish to participate. The American College of Surgeons Cancer Programs, with support from the American Cancer Society, is pleased to provide this opportunity for CoC and NAPBC programs to lead efforts to improve cancer screening and care in their communities.

For more information, visit <https://www.facs.org/quality-programs/cancer/coc/resuming-care>

Upcoming Cancer Awareness Months

July:

Sarcoma/Bone Cancer

September:

Childhood Cancer

Leukemia

Lymphoma

Ovarian Cancer

Prostate Cancer

Thyroid Cancer

Uterine Cancer

Collaboration Corner

Working on a project relevant to the ACCCC and looking for partners/participants? Let us know so we can include it here!