

ACCC Zoom Meeting – Friday, January 15, 2021

Meeting Minutes

10:00 a.m. – Dina Avery, Coalition Chair, opened meeting and welcomed attendees/presenters

Present: Dina Avery, Heather Adams, Chelsea Green, Carol Garrett, Casey Daniel, Lauren Prescott, Amanda Martin, Anna Lisa Weigel, Ashley Lyerly, Bruce Snead, Claudia Barajas, Delois Walton, Aretha Bracy, Laura Hamilton, Fayette Royal, E. Miskell, John Waterbor, Jacky Turner, Jennifer Bail, Jennifer Hicks, Davia Adams, Janel Lowman, JoAnn Oliver, Justin George, Kelsey Minix, Kimberly Williams, La Tanya Hunt-Haralson, Leanne Bailey, Mary Rodgers-Brooks, Molly Bernhard Richardson, Nick Swindall, Richard Embrey, Rochelle Wallace, Ronada Anderson, Sarah Tate Dunlap, Sharonda Hardy, Tara Bowman, Tommy Marr, Xuejun Shen

Announcements

- Heather Adams – brief overview of recommendations for early initiation of HPV vaccine
 - Recommended for adolescents aged 9-13; catch up to age 26
 - Advantages of initiating vaccine early (age 9-10)
 - Increase in completion and uptake rates
 - Gives more time to complete series
 - Removes sex stigma from conversation
 - Addresses concern for getting too many shots at one visit
 - Reduced risk of prior exposure to HPV

Presentation: **Cervical Cancer Awareness** – Dr. Lauren Shore Prescott – Asst. Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology – Vanderbilt

- Cervical cancer overview
- High rates of cervical cancer in the south despite multiple mechanisms to eradicate cervical cancer
- New ASCCP screening guidelines
 - Screening should start at age 21
 - Screening with cervical cytology should be done every 3 years for women 21-29
 - For women aged 30-65, screening should be done:
 - Every 3 years if by cervical cytology alone,
 - Every 5 years with high-risk HPV testing alone, or
 - Every 5 years with high-risk HPV testing in combination with cervical cytology
 - Can stop screening at age 65 or after hysterectomy if no prior abnormal pap
 - HPV vaccination status does not change screening recommendations

Program Updates: **Alabama Radon Program** – Nick Swindall – Director – X-Ray Compliance Branch – Office of Radiation Control

- Update on Alabama Radon Program
 - In 2020, 594 test kits distributed to Alabama homeowners
 - Statewide news release on January 5, 2021 about testing home for radon
 - Resulted in interview with multiple news stations
 - Alabama Radon Program received requests for ~1,300 radon test kits in 24 hours
 - 1,500 more kits being ordered
 - Link on website to purchase test kits

- Test kit includes instructions; homeowner follows directions and mails it in. Results mailed back to homeowner.
- Last year 230 radon info packets were sent to hospitals in zone 1 counties as a part of newborn package
- New homes being constructed to be radon resistant in Huntsville area

Presentation: Radon and Lung Cancer – Bruce Snead – Director – National Radon Program Services – Kansas State University

- National radon action month – January
- Overview of radon and exposure risks
 - Most significant naturally occurring source of radiation for average US citizen
- Cannot predict radon concentrations in home, must test to know
- Primary health risk of radon is lung cancer due to alpha particle emitters
- 2nd leading cause of lung cancer next to smoking; 1st leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers
- Surgeon general and EPA suggest all homes be tested for radon
- Health care providers:
 - Educate patients on radon exposure and to test their homes
 - Factsheets available on <https://sosradon.org/>

Presentation: Radon Mitigation – Tommy L. Marr – Southern Valley Services, LLC.

- Overview of installing passive radon mitigation systems in homes
 - Important to ensure installation is done properly since installers are not required to be certified
- Radon tests can be purchased online and at stores such as Home Depot and Lowe's
- Make sure to mail test during the week so it does not sit in post office too long
- If worried about testing yourself, get certified measurement specialist to test for you

New Committee Chair/Co-Chair Introductions

Early Detection – JoAnn Oliver, Kimberly Williams

Prevention – John Waterbor, Rochelle Wallace

Survivorship – Jennifer Bail, Jennifer Hicks

Access to Care – Mary Brooks, Janel Lowman

Meeting was adjourned at 12 p.m.