

ACCC Meeting – Friday, April 19th, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Birmingham, AL

10:10 a.m. – Casey Daniel, Coalition Chair, welcomed attendees.

10:15 a.m. – Ginny Campbell, Vice Chair, welcomed attendees and introduced her colleagues attending from the American Cancer Society, the meeting host.

10:20 a.m. – Wendy Demark-Wahnefried, PhD – Dr. DeMark-Wahnefried provided an overview of several research studies currently (or soon to be) openly enrolling cancer survivors.

- Harvest for Health
 - Cancer survivors age 60+ without an existing garden
 - Survivors paired with master gardener in their area, mentored for one year and provided with supplies to grow spring, summer, and fall garden
 - Measure quality of life and vegetable consumption
- Preventing and Controlling Cancer in Alabama
 - Telephone and web-based survey
 - Goal to obtain responses from 15 people in low-risk counties and 30 in high-risk counties
 - Questions on demographics, cancer knowledge, beliefs, and lifestyle
 - Aim to receive one-third of responses from cancer survivors
- AMPLIFY (AiM Plan and act on LIFestYles)
 - Focusing on older, minority, and rural survivors of 6 obesity-related cancers
 - Understanding of ordering and combined effects of caloric restriction and exercise on physical function
 - Impact on physical function and performance

10:50 – Casey Daniel, PhD – HPV and Oral Cancers

- HPV – group of 150 related viruses; transmitted through skin-to-skin contact
- Most people will be infected with at least one type of mucosal HPV in their lives
 - High-risk, cancer causing HPV types – primarily HPV 16 & 18
- 2006 – 2016: the incidence of oral-pharyngeal cancers has almost doubled
- Alabama is 5th in incidence of oral cavity and oral-pharyngeal cancer and 7th in mortality
- All HPV-associated cancers make up more than the disease burden of every other vaccine-preventable disease
- HPV vaccine is safe, effective, and long-lasting.
- Alabama ranks #44 in HPV vaccination uptake in the state. 67% of Alabama counties are below the national average for males. 99% of Alabama counties are below the national average for females.
- An effective provider recommendation is the main reason parents decide to vaccinate.
- New strategy is to encourage oral healthcare providers to educate parents on HPV and oral-pharyngeal cancers

- Promoting prevention and early detection:
 - Vaccinate your children against HPV
 - Stop tobacco use
 - Check your mouth for anything unusual
- Governor Ivey signed proclamation declaring April Oral Cancer Awareness Month
 - April 11th partners wore red/burgundy, posted photos to social media
 - Campaign tagline #WatchYourMouth
 - Social media campaign
 - Red lightings across the state
 - Posters in dental offices and local businesses

11:20 a.m. – Casey Daniel, PhD – Open Forum/New Business

- Casey introduced the ACCCC's new logo
- The ACCCC's proposed bylaws revisions were previously circulated to members. Angela Davis made a motion to approve revisions. Mary Anne King seconded. Revisions were approved by a majority voice vote.
- Membership roster updates are ongoing. Please let Carol know if you have updates to the roster.
- Collected Works Catalog needs submissions
 - Helps in reporting and grant submissions to CDC
 - Helps with collaborative progress among partners
 - Submission forms were provided to attendees for manual submission
- Attendees were encouraged to join a committee/work group – Early Detection, Prevention, Survivorship, or Access to Care.
- Future Meeting Format Changes
 - Meetings will be centered around issues relevant to the committees to help propel objectives and goals forward.
- Shade Structure Grant
 - Annually, 3 public schools are awarded up to \$15,000 to add a shade structure to their playground. Applicants must have an ACCCC member write a letter of support/recommendation for their application.
 - ACCCC sponsoring member does not have to work professionally in the skin cancer space; can sponsor a school in their community.
 - Ideally should incorporate teaching sun safety in the classroom, committing to educating youth on UV rays and prevention of skin cancer.
 - Applicants need to give a full, detailed description of their plan to protect and educate students.
 - Deadline has been extended to June 28th, but could be cut short if response is overwhelming.

11:50 a.m. – Committee Meetings

12:30 p.m. – Networking Lunch

1:00 p.m. – Justin George, MPH – Oral Cavity and Pharynx Cancer

- Incidence and mortality rates are higher in Alabama than national average
- How to improve outcomes
 - Don't use tobacco
 - Drink in moderation
 - Practice good oral hygiene
 - See your dentist regularly
 - Shield your lips from the sun
 - Get vaccinated against HPV
- Trends
 - HPV-associated oral cancers are increasing more quickly than non-HPV-associated cancers.

1:30 p.m. – Roy Nagle, Oral Cancer Survivor

- Roy mentioned he was very pleased to hear about oral cancer awareness efforts. He shared his personal cancer story with attendees, and said being at the meeting had given him a tremendous amount of hope and inspired him to get more engaged and continue sharing his story.

1:50 p.m. – Gavin Graf abandons the ACCCC

- Gavin announced he has taken a new position overseeing electronic health records at ADPH. He will try to continue to attend meetings when he can. We will all miss Gavin.

2:00 p.m. – Meeting adjourned