

**Frederick County Health Department (FCHD)**  
**Minutes: Community Cancer Coalition**  
**Wednesday, January 24, 2018**  
**8:00-9:30am**  
**Frederick County Health Department/Auditorium**

**Attendees:**

Beth Mowrey, FCHD-Cancer Screening Programs  
Michelle Petersen, FCAA  
Geoffrey Seidel, SAIC-Frederick in support of the NCI

Avani Shah, FCHD-Cancer Screening Programs  
Allison Young, Asian American Center  
Cathie Duncan, National Ovarian Cancer

**Welcome and Introductions:**

The meeting was called to order by Beth Mowrey and everyone introduced themselves.

**Guest Presentation: Updates from the State Ethics Commission- Dr. Brookmyer**

Dr. Brookmyer was unable to attend due to a conflicting meeting. Beth Mowrey gave updates on the State Ethics commission and the required Appointee Exemption Disclosure form. Dr. Brookmyer will provide more information regarding completion of this form at our next meeting.

**Cancer Prevention Program/Performance Measure Updates:**

**Clinical Updates:**

Roseann Russo, Nurse Supervisor - Colorectal, Breast, and Cervical Cancer Screening Programs, FCHD

- Roseann was not present at this meeting as she had to attend an offsite training. Beth Mowrey reported on clinical updates on behalf of Roseann.
- In the Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (BCCP), through our CDC grant which provides funding to screen women who are 50-64 years old, we enrolled 17 new clients and 92 recall clients. Recall clients are patients already enrolled in BCCP who are due each month to have their annual clinical breast exam and mammogram.
- Through our state grant which provides funding to screen women who are 40-49 years old, we enrolled a total of 28 new clients and 121 recalls clients.
- In our Colorectal Cancer Screening program (CRC), the numbers are little low, especially for men. As of 12.31.18, we have screened 31 clients for CRC. Our performance measure for the total number to screen this fiscal year is 67.
- In the Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (BCCP), there were no diagnoses of breast cancer.

- In the Colorectal Cancer Program (CRC), one client was reported to have metastatic cancer. Maryland Cancer Funding will help with the treatment costs.

**Outreach and Education:**

**Beth Mowrey/Avani Shah, Coordinator of Education and Outreach, Colorectal, Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Programs, FCHD**

- Avani reported on the program's education and outreach data from July, 2017 through December, 2017.
- There were 110 education and outreach activities implemented which includes attending community events, health fairs, and individual sessions with our clients.
- We are making efforts to reach new clients through churches and religious associations. Through the help of Pastor Simmons we received contacts to reach Reverend Ernest Thomas who is member of Clergy in Action (CIA) and Evangelical Ministerial Fellowship (EMF), Secretary, Dian Wetklow.
- Future outreach activities include continue going to Frederick Community Action Agency once a month and Mission of Mercy twice a month.

**Upcoming Events:**

- 1) 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Cancer Survivor's Breakfast hosted by The Faith Striders- Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:15am at Dutch's Daughter restaurant. Contact Angela Spencer for tickets.
- 2) MA resource fair, this fair will be targeting medical assistants and other pertinent office staff at medical practices in Frederick County. Friday, February 9, 2018 from 9-12 noon at the Frederick Memorial Hospital, main campus, at 400 W 7<sup>th</sup> Street Frederick, MD 21701
- 3) Health and Wellness Fair hosted by Boscov's Department Store. Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. More details will be sent out by the organizer soon.
- 4) Frederick County Health Department plans to host an Open House during the annual observance of National Public Health Week which this year is from April 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>. The Open House is scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup>, from 4pm-7pm. 4-5pm is exclusively for Health Department employees and 5-7pm will be open to public. The goal is to educate the attendees about the services that are offered at the health department. There will be free blood pressure checks, HIV testing, and dental screenings for children. Additionally, there will be free infant and child car seat safety checks and a Narcan information and training session.

**MOTA Grant Update:** Elizabeth Chung, Asian American Center of Frederick (AACF) – not present.

- Allison reported that the focus of the MOTA grant for fiscal year 2018 will be Maternal Child Health. The AACF has been offering "baby showers" once a month to educate pregnant women and improve birth outcomes.
- Allison reported that AACF is the only organization that is currently offering prenatal classes in Spanish in Frederick County and that they have been well attended by that population.

- The topic of the next baby shower will be Labor and Delivery.

### **Member/Community Updates:**

Cathie

- Announced that the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk to Break the Silence on Ovarian Cancer will be hosted by Frederick Maryland Chapter on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at Baker Park in Frederick. Last year, 579 people including 47 ovarian cancer survivors attended this event and they raised \$94,400 dollars!!

Geoffrey

- Geoff provided suggestions for recruiting men into the CRC screening program such as going to golf clubs in order to reach men for colorectal cancer screening.
- Provided contact information to reach Care Net Pregnancy Center as they see underserved population.
- Due to the low attendance at today's meeting, ideas were discussed to increase the participation from the coalition members. One idea proposed was to send out survey to see if there are any better days or times that work for coalition members.
- A suggestion was made to send out an email to the members on monthly basis updating them about the upcoming events in the county.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:00am.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 25, 2018/ 8:00-9:30am/FCHD/Auditorium**