

North Carolina Advisory Committee on Cancer Coordination and Control (Advisory Committee) Subcommittee Information

Purpose

Each subcommittee develops and implements strategies to address the six NC priority cancers (breast, cervical colorectal, lung, prostate, melanoma and non-melanoma skin) in the *NC Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan 2014-2020: A Call to Action (State Cancer Plan).* The overarching purpose of the Cancer Plan is to reduce the morbidity and mortality associated with cancer in our state. The subcommittees on various issues listed below.

Prevention

The Prevention Subcommittee promotes healthy behaviors and environments that reduce the risk of developing cancer. Areas include, but are not limited to: appropriate cancer screenings, nutrition, physical activity, tobacco use, secondhand smoke exposure, radon testing and mitigation, ultraviolet radiation, chemoprevention, and genetic testing.

Early Detection

The Early Detection Subcommittee works to expand the use of proven cancer-related early detection modalities and appropriate follow-up abnormalities. Areas include, but are not limited to: cancer screenings, follow-up for screenings, access to screenings, and high-risk individuals.

Care and Treatment

The Care and Treatment Subcommittee address a continuum of services from cancer diagnosis to treatment, care, survivorship, and palliative care. Areas include, but are not limited to: identify and reduce financial, geographic, and other barriers to cancer diagnosis, treatment, and heath care services, as well as pain control, patient navigation, and survivorship.

Evaluation, Surveillance and Research

The Evaluation, Surveillance and Research Subcommittee reviews and monitors the effectiveness of NC ACCCC projects in meeting the goals and objectives of the State Cancer Plan. These committee members are placed in the other subcommittees to provide technical assistance and consultation to evaluate strategies implemented by the subcommittees. There is evaluation of partners activities and participation. Additionally, there is surveillance in the monitoring and review of the data regarding the health of the populations. The committee members research and provide data for the <u>State Cancer Plan</u> and <u>State Cancer Burden document</u>.

Legislation and Education

The Legislation and Education Subcommittee is made up of legislators and Advisory Committee members who assist in providing guidance and support in obtaining policy/legislation passage and funding for cancer control in North Carolina. Members support legislation that promotes and/or funds cancer prevention, screening and control. Additionally, members review current best science and practices to prepare appropriate cancer screening position statements and present proposals to the Advisory Committee for approval.

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