

2022 NPCR FLORIDA SUCCESS STORY

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FCDS is Leading the Way – Implementing the Florida Cancer Plan through Collaboration and Partnerships

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SUMMARY

The Florida Cancer Control and Research Collaborative (C-CRAB) recently published the 2020-2025 Cancer Plan. As a result, a series of work groups have been established to address specific goals and objectives within the plan to ensure the collection of comprehensive and high-quality cancer-related data from all Florida cancer patients and to inform cancer prevention and control programs as defined in the plan. The FCDS has led this charge and currently chairs the workgroups under four distinct objectives: data access and utilization, social determinants of health, collecting biological and genetic data, and collecting cancer screening data.

The members of the work groups include public health professionals and agencies, academic research institutions, cancer centers, nonprofit organizations, and private oncology practices. The targeted work groups meet once a month to discuss their specific objectives, goals, and to lay out a plan for a pilot project and/or a set of recommendations. All work groups come together once a month for a full report on each work group's progress.

Every five years the C-CRAB is responsible for developing the Florida Cancer Plan. The process to develop the plan is extensive and does not conclude with the publication of the plan. The real work begins with identifying ways to achieve the goals and objectives set forth in the cancer plan. Within the plan there are over 20 goals and within each goal are a set of objectives. Each of the goals fall under broad categories such as collaboration, data, prevention, early detection, diagnosis and treatment, survivorship, childhood cancers, and research development.

CHALLENGE

Cancer data is the foundation of these goals, and to the successful implementation of the plan, as is defined under goal 2: Ensure the collection of comprehensive and high-quality cancer-related data from all Florida cancer patients to inform cancer prevention and control activities. This goal presents a unique opportunity to elevate the importance of cancer surveillance and the incredible role the central cancer registry plays in cancer outcomes and control. The distinct challenge is how to address these objectives in a way that produces actionable and data-driven projects, and that represents the experiences from health professionals in both the public and private sectors.

SOLUTION

In April of 2022, volunteers from across Florida public and private institutions and cancer care practices gathered in the first of many large work group meetings to discuss how to address Goal 2 of the Florida Cancer Plan. The larger work group is chaired by Dr. David Lee and Dr. Erin Kobetz from the University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Current participation in membership numbers more than 20 volunteers and growing. The sub workgroups are currently being chaired by FCDS leadership, Dr. David Lee, Gary Levin, and Dr. Monique Hernandez. Each of these subgroups include volunteers from the Department of Health, Florida Cancer Specialist, C-CRAB executive staff, UM Sylvester, The Moffitt Cancer Center, Memorial Health, Mayo Clinic, the Florida Hospital Association, American Cancer Society, and the University of Florida Health.

RESULT

Since April of 2022, there have been six large work group meetings that serve to review the progress of each group objective and to field recommendations from all the members. These gatherings promote collaboration from within and across institutions, connecting professionals that work on cancer data collection, prevention and control, clinical practice and genetic testing, and epidemiologic research. Thus far, there are three pilot projects being proposed that would carry forward each of the objectives. Progress on these objectives was presented at the next C-CRAB meeting in October of 2022.

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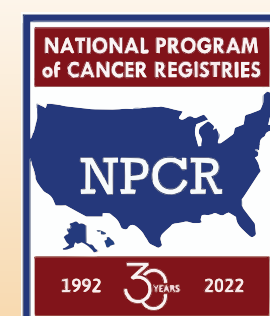
Sustaining the success of the Florida Cancer Plan relies on continued effort and collaboration across public and private sectors. It is critical to engage interested parties along the way to ensure that multiple perspectives and opportunities are being considered in the process of achieving the goals set forth by the Florida Cancer Plan and beyond.

STORY QUOTE

"This is a great example of the power of collaboration with the potential ability to move large goals forward as a statewide team." – Gary Levin, BA, CTR, Deputy Project Director, Florida Cancer Data System

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