



March 5, 2018

The Honorable Larry Hogan
Governor
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

Dear Governor Hogan:

Pursuant to Executive Order 01.01.2016.12 (2016) and on behalf of the members of the Maryland State Council on Cancer Control (the Council), I am pleased to submit the Council's 2017 Annual Report to you.

During 2017, the Council continued to carry out its mission by holding three full Council meetings and one subcommittee meeting. On November 15, 2017, the Council held the 24th Annual Maryland State Council on Cancer Control Cancer Conference. This successful event was attended by 260 people and was the direct result of the hard work and dedication of Council members and staff.

Looking forward to 2018, the Council will continue to use evidence-based research as the foundation for its activities and recommendations for cancer control programs and policies.

The Council looks forward to continuing to build a strong relationship with your office, the Maryland Department of Health, and community organizations, so that we may all contribute in the fight against cancer in Maryland.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Dr. Ken Lin Tai, Director of the Center for Cancer Prevention and Control at the Maryland Department of Health, at 410-767-2036.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stanley P. Watkins, MD". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Stanley P. Watkins, MD
Chair, Maryland State Council on Cancer Control



2017

Annual Report

Stanley P. Watkins, MD, Chair

Overview and 2017 Council Activities

History

The Maryland State Council on Cancer Control (the Council) is a 25-member body appointed by the Governor. Members represent State agencies involved in cancer screening, prevention, and treatment services, as well as the general public, major academic medical institutions in Maryland's cancer community, national organizations, the business community, and health and scientific disciplines concerned with cancer control. In addition, at least one member of the Council is a cancer survivor, one is a member of the Maryland State Senate, and one is a member of the Maryland House of Delegates. The Council was established by Executive Order 01.01.1991.22 on June 26, 1991. The mission of the Council was reaffirmed with updated Executive Orders in 1997 (01.01.1997.07), 2002 (01.01.2002.25), and 2016 (01.01.2016.12).

Council Mission

The Council advises the Governor, other government officials, public and private organizations, and the general public on existing and potential policies, programs and innovations to reduce and control cancer incidence and mortality among Marylanders, as described in the Maryland Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan. In cooperation with federal, State, and local governments, private organizations and academia, the Council is also charged with promoting and coordinating unified programs that identify and address the cancer care needs of Marylanders. Programs include public and private partnerships to improve access to prevention, screening, and treatment services. Additionally, the scope of the Council includes promoting and guiding the use of the Maryland Cancer Registry as a tool for research, planning, evaluation, and targeting of cancer control programs, as well as furthering the development of the Maryland Cancer Registry through the Cancer Registry Advisory Committee. Finally, the Council is charged with reviewing existing and planned cancer programs in the public and private sectors to ensure proper allocation of State resources.

Current Council Chair

The Council is chaired by Dr. Stanley P. Watkins, a practicing oncologist affiliated with the Anne Arundel Medical Center. Dr. Watkins is a graduate of Cornell University and the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, with further training at the University of Washington and National Institutes of Health. After developing his practice, Dr. Watkins began building what would become the DeCesaris Cancer Institute at the Anne Arundel Medical Center. In the mid-1990s, Dr. Watkins began teaching Outpatient Clinical Responsibilities to new physicians at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. While continuing to practice oncology in Anne Arundel County, Dr. Watkins began his involvement with the Maryland Department of Health on various public health programs. He currently chairs the medical advisory committees on breast, cervical, colorectal, and prostate cancer, and serves as a consultant to many of the State's cancer programs.

Membership

A complete list of current Council members is included in Appendix A. During 2017, three Council members' second terms ended. Membership changes are detailed below:

Memberships Terminating in 2017:

- Stanley Watkins – Anne Arundel Medical Center

- Mary Garza – University of Maryland School of Public Health
- Brock Yetso – Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults

Stanley Watkins, Mary Garza, and Brock Yetso have agreed to serve until their positions are filled. In addition, there are currently seven vacancies on the Council.

2017 Activities and Accomplishments

Council Meetings

In 2017, the Council met as a full committee on January 20, May 5, and September 22. One subcommittee of the Council, the Abeloff Award Subcommittee, met on October 10, 2017. In addition, an advisory committee of the Council, the Cancer Registry Advisory Committee, met on March 16, 2017 and September 14, 2017. Council meetings consisted of discussions on Council objectives, implementation of the Maryland Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan, cancer-related legislation, updates from the Cancer Registry Advisory Committee, and planning for the 24th Annual Maryland State Council on Cancer Control Cancer Conference (Annual Cancer Control Conference).

Martin D. Abeloff Award for Excellence in Public Health and Cancer Control

In 2017, the Council sent out a call for nominations for the 2017 Martin D. Abeloff Award (the Abeloff Award) to be presented at the 24th Annual Cancer Control Conference. The Abeloff Award recognizes individuals who have made substantial contributions to cancer control in Maryland and has been presented to notable Marylanders for the last decade. The award is named for Dr. Martin Abeloff, a longtime member of the Council who succumbed to leukemia in 2007. Dr. Abeloff was a renowned medical oncologist and researcher, and was compassionate as well as devoted to his patients, colleagues, and public service. The Council solicits nominations from individuals and organizations across the State for people who have made outstanding contributions to cancer control. The Abeloff Award Subcommittee then reviews the nomination and selects the recipient. This year, Dr. Michele Williams was selected for the award, in honor of her contributions in the area of palliative care and her advocacy work on behalf of cancer patients. She is the Associate Medical Director for Talbot Hospice in Easton, Maryland, and an oncology nurse practitioner at the University of Maryland Shore Regional Medical Center. Her complete biography is included in Appendix B.

24th Annual Maryland State Council on Cancer Control Cancer Conference

The 24th Annual Cancer Control Conference was held on November 15, 2017. The conference was sponsored by the University of Maryland Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Comprehensive Cancer Center, the Anne Arundel Medical Center DeCesaris Cancer Institute, the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins, the American Cancer Society, and the Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults. A total of 260 people attended this day-long conference. Presentation topics included palliative care, Hepatitis C and liver cancer, liquid biopsies for the early detection of cancer, updates on the implementation of the Maryland Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan, updates from comprehensive cancer centers in Maryland, and cancer in young adults. The conference agenda is included in Appendix C, and conference materials can be accessed at https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/cancer/Pages/sccc_home.aspx.

Cancer Registry Advisory Committee

Chaired by Council member Dr. Kala Visvanathan, the Cancer Registry Advisory Committee met on March 16, 2017 and September 14, 2017. Meeting topics included issues and updates surrounding Maryland Cancer Registry quality assurance and data management activities, data use and dissemination, data submission, data use policy and procedures, Maryland Cancer Registry regulations, and cancer research and surveillance activities. The Cancer Registry Advisory Committee chair reported activities at each of the scheduled Council meetings.

Maryland Cancer Collaborative

The Council supported the Maryland Cancer Collaborative (the Collaborative) in implementing priority strategies selected from the 2016-2020 Maryland Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan. Several Council members actively participated in Collaborative workgroups, and one Council member served as the Council liaison on the Collaborative's steering committee. The 2016-2020 Maryland Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan is available at

<http://phpa.health.maryland.gov/cancer/cancerplan/Pages/publications.aspx>.

Anticipated Activities for 2018

Moving forward, the Council plans to continue its activities during the next year as outlined below:

- Hold three full Council meetings, as well as additional subcommittee meetings on an as-needed basis, to discuss progress on Council activities as well as other issues, including Council objectives and cancer-related legislation;
- Select a recipient for the 2018 Martin D. Abeloff Award for Excellence in Public Health and Cancer Control;
- Plan and hold the 25th Annual Maryland State Council on Cancer Control Cancer Conference; and
- Continue participation in the Maryland Cancer Collaborative to implement goals, objectives, and strategies from the Maryland Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan.

Appendix A

Maryland State Council on Cancer Control Members - 2017

Stanley P. Watkins, MD – CHAIR**

Medical Director, Research Institute
Anne Arundel Medical Center

Kathleen Connors-Juras

American Cancer Society

Diane Couchman, RN

Calvert Memorial Hospital

Kevin Cullen, MD

Director, University of Maryland
Greenebaum
Comprehensive Cancer Center

Catherine Fenwick, RN, BSN

MedStar St. Mary's Hospital

Mary Garza, PhD, MPH**

University of Maryland School of Public
Health

Stephanie Cooper Greenberg

Erwin & Stephanie Greenberg Foundation

Donna Gugel, MHS

Maryland Department of Health

Roger Harrell, MHA

Health Officer, Dorchester County Health
Department

Kim Herman, MD, MSN*

Family Physician, Shore Health System

Mark Mank, MS

Maryland Department of the Environment

Joan Mischtschuk, RN, MS

Peninsula Regional Medical Center

Senator Anthony Muse

Maryland Senate

William Nelson, MD

Director, Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive
Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins

Jay A. Perman, MD

(Alternate: Kevin Kelly)

President, University of Maryland at Baltimore

Paul B. Rothman, MD

CEO, Johns Hopkins Medicine

Delegate Sheree Sample-Hughes

Maryland House of Delegates

Artie L. Shelton, MD*

Us TOO International, Prostate Health and
Education Network

Yale Stenzler, EdD*

Oral Cancer Survivor

Kala Visvanathan, MBBS, FRACP, MHS

Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public
Health

Brock Yetso**

Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults

* Membership term ended in 2016. The member
continued to serve in 2017 because a successor has
not yet been appointed.

** Membership term ending in 2017

Appendix B

Martin D. Abeloff Award for Excellence in Public Health and Cancer Control

2017 Recipient – Michele Williams, DNP, AGPCNP-BC, MSN, BSN, RN-BC, OCN



Dr. Michele Williams is an Associate Medical Director for Talbot Hospice in Easton, Maryland. She is also an oncology nurse practitioner for the University of Maryland Community Medical Group/Shore Regional Medical Center at Easton. She is board certified in adult-gerontology, oncology, palliative care, and pain management. Throughout her career, Dr. Williams has focused on the areas of oncology, palliative care and hospice. Her clinical experience includes managing patients in their homes, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, inpatient hospice and acute care hospitals.

Dr. Williams serves on the Board of Directors of the Maryland Academy of Advanced Practice Clinicians and is an active member of the Maryland Cancer Collaborative's Access to Care and Services Workgroup. She is a Co-State Lead Ambassador for the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, a Court

Appointed Special Advocate for the Mid-Shore, and formerly served as the President of the Upper Eastern Shore Oncology Nursing Society. Her focus and passion are to raise awareness among professionals and the public on the role of palliative care across the continuum of care, so as to ensure high-quality care for individuals facing a serious or life-threatening illness.

Dr. Williams was instrumental in the development of the Palliative Care Suites at the University of Maryland Shore Regional Medical Center at Easton, as well as the expansion of the inpatient Palliative Care Program for the three-hospital system on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. She also implemented a new Lung Cancer Screening Program for the three-hospital system. Dr. Williams received many honors for her work, including the Every Day Hero Award, Commitment to Caring Award, Outstanding Achievement in Care Delivery, Commitment to Others, Outstanding Service Award, and the Hometown Hero Award for Medical Professionals.

Dr. Williams received a Doctor of Nursing Practice from Walden University, a Post-Masters in Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Certificate from Wilmington University, a Master of Science in Nursing from the University of Phoenix, a Bachelor in Nursing from Stevenson University, and a Diploma in Nursing from the Macqueen Gibbs Willis School of Nursing. She is a native of the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

Appendix C



The 24th Annual Maryland State Council on Cancer Control Cancer Conference

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Anne Arundel Medical Center, Doordan Institute, 7th Floor, Belcher Pavilion
2000 Medical Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401

- 8:00 – 8:45** **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 8:45 – 9:15** **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Jinlene Chan, MD, MPH, FAAP, Acting Deputy Secretary, Public Health Services
Maryland Department of Health
Ken Lin Tai, MD, MPH, Director, Center for Cancer Prevention and Control, Maryland Department of Health
Stanley Watkins, MD, Chair, Maryland State Council on Cancer Control
- 9:15 – 10:00** **Concurrent Palliative Care through the Cancer Continuum**
Danielle Doberman, MD, MPH, HMDC, Medical Director, Palliative Medicine, Johns Hopkins Hospital
- 10:00 – 10:15** **Break**
- 10:15 – 11:00** **Hepatitis C and Liver Cancer: Successes of New Therapies and Treatments**
Eleanor Wilson, MD, MHS, Assistant Professor, University of Maryland School of Medicine
- 11:00 – 11:30** **Liquid Biopsies and the Early Detection of Cancer**
Victor Velculescu, MD, PhD, Professor of Oncology, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
- 11:30 – 11:45** **Comprehensive Cancer Control in Maryland**
Elizabeth Platz, ScD, MPH, Chair, Maryland Cancer Collaborative, and Deputy Chair, Department of Epidemiology, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

- 11:45 – 12:00** **Cancer Council Service Awards and Martin D. Abeloff Award Presentation**
Stanley Watkins, MD, Chair, Maryland State Council on Cancer Control
- 12:00 – 1:15** **Networking Lunch**
- 1:15 – 1:50** **Comprehensive Cancer Centers in Maryland: Updates**
Kevin Cullen, MD, University of Maryland Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Comprehensive Cancer Center
Michael Carducci, MD, Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins
- 1:50 – 2:00** **Break**
- 2:00 – 3:00** **Making Cancer for Young Adults Suck Less: Unique Challenges & Novel Approaches in Young Adult Cancer Care - Panel Discussion**
Lori Wiener, PhD, Center for Cancer Research, National Institutes of Health
Kenneth R. Cooke, MD, Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins
Brock Yetso, President and CEO, Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults
Alexandra Gubin, MSW, LCSW-C, Program Manager, Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults
- 3:00 – 3:10** **Closing Remarks**
Stanley Watkins, MD, Chair, Maryland State Council on Cancer Control
Elizabeth Platz, ScD, MPH, Chair, Maryland Cancer Collaborative

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