

# *MCCI Update*

*The Latest Information About the Michigan Cancer Control Initiative*

## **MDCH Receives CDC Grant for MCCI Evaluation**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) notified the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) that its competitive application for a cooperative grant award has been approved. As a result, MDCH will receive \$315,000 in this Year 1 of funding, which will be used to support an evaluation of the Michigan Cancer Control Initiative (MCCI). In addition, as part of the grant award, MDCH will participate with the CDC in designing and modeling effective approaches to comprehensive cancer control. Our sincere thanks to all of you who helped write letters of support so we could receive this grant for MCCI evaluation.

## **CDC Invites MCCI to Participate in Workshop**

In December, at the invitation of the CDC, Carol Callaghan, MPH, chief of the MDCH Cancer Prevention and Control Section, traveled to Atlanta to represent the MCCI at a CDC workshop entitled "A Comprehensive Approach to State-Level Cancer Prevention and Control Planning -- Challenges and Lessons Learned." The workshop was attended by representatives from 29 states and Washington, DC, as well as representatives from the CDC, the National Cancer Institute, and other federal agencies.

Callaghan was asked to explain how the MCCI began, its goals and plans, its current status, its accomplishments, and lessons learned to date in Michigan. During her presentation, she stressed the importance of Michigan's collaborative approach. Although the Michigan Cancer Consortium -- the guiding force behind the MCCI -- has 33 members, she told those in attendance that more than 100 organizations and 250 individuals now are involved in the MCCI strategic planning process. Callaghan described the MCCI process, emphasizing that these organizations and individuals currently are working together as members of various Action Planning Groups to develop science-driven plans that will significantly impact cancer morbidity and mortality in 10 priority areas while striving to achieve cost-effective use of resources.

*(Editor's Note: Upon her return to Michigan, Callaghan reported that there was significant interest among workshop participants in Michigan's approach. Many of those attending immediately requested additional information about our unique collaborative model. She added that CDC officials also praised Michigan's efforts during the meeting, describing the Michigan Cancer Consortium as a leader and a model for the nation.)*

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Also speaking at the meeting was Corinne Graffunder, MPH, chief of the Program Operations Section in CDC's Division of Cancer Prevention and Control. Graffunder presented an overview of CDC's new Comprehensive Cancer Prevention and Control Initiative.

She announced that those chosen for the first round of comprehensive cancer control funding were Michigan, Colorado, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Texas, and the Northwest Portland Indian Health Board. To be eligible for funding, applicants must have completed a deliberate planning process and already have a comprehensive plan in place that they were preparing to implement. Six states (Arkansas, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, and Utah) are being considered for a second round of funding to support planning efforts involving significant technical assistance from the CDC. Following that round, the CDC hopes to have several models tested and a set of tools that can be used by other states that want to initiate comprehensive cancer control programs.

Also speaking was JoAnn Abed, PhD, health research scientist with Battelle Memorial Institute, who addressed concepts behind successful comprehensive cancer control programs. Abed stressed that successful programs will need to rest on a foundation of an integrated, coordinated approach to reducing cancer incidence, morbidity and mortality through prevention, early detection, treatment, rehabilitation, and palliation. As such, they will require the commitment of a diverse set of players and involve multiple cancer sites, types of providers, and stakeholders.

Abed stated that the comprehensive cancer control efforts currently being undertaken look at the status quo and envision a better future. Today, she said, comprehensive cancer control efforts typically have limited resources, disjointed services, undersupported infrastructure, and overwhelmed personnel and clients; decisions are made in ad hoc manners, and the atmosphere is competitive. Although resources probably still will be limited in the future, she predicted that under successful efforts, "services will be seamless, the infrastructure will evolve to meet needs, people will feel more empowered, decisions will be data- and science-based, and the overall atmosphere will be more cooperative."

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