

MCCI Update

The Latest Information About the Michigan Cancer Control Initiative

Oct. 7 MCC Meeting Reminder

Don't forget the next Michigan Cancer Consortium (MCC) meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 7 at the Genoa Woods Conference Center in Brighton. This is the meeting when Action Planning Groups -- comprised of MCC members and other partners who have been invited by the Convening Agencies to participate in the planning process -- will begin to develop the plans to achieve MCC's 10 priority cancer control objectives.

The proposed agenda for the Oct. 7 meeting includes a discussion of general MCC business, as well as presentations regarding the processes for reviewing action plans and identifying financial resources. The agenda also allows considerable time (four to five hours) for all 10 Action Planning Groups to meet concurrently and begin their strategic planning process.

The Oct. 7 MCC meeting will be preceded by an orientation meeting on the evening of Oct. 6 for Convening Agency staff who will facilitate the action planning process.

Strategic Planning Committee Report

The Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) met Aug. 5 to clarify the role of the SPC and prepare recommendations to the Michigan Cancer Consortium (MCC). During the meeting, the SPC members attended work sessions to address the following issues: 1) action plan development, including the review process for MCCI strategic action plans and 2) identification of financial resources that may be available for planning and implementation of the 10 MCC cancer control priorities. Recommendations were prepared and will be presented Oct. 7 to the MCC.

MCC Internet-Based Communication System

To better coordinate the activities of members of its 10 Action Planning Groups, the MCC is developing an Internet-based communication system that ultimately will save MCCI participants time, energy and travel expenses. A pilot version of the system currently is being tested and revisions are being made. Portions of the system will be demonstrated at the Oct. 7 MCC meeting in Brighton; the entire system is expected to be up and running by November.

Once established, the system will enable MCC members and partners to communicate electronically with other individuals both within and outside of their Action Planning Groups. The MCC web site will provide users with instant access to regularly updated information about the MCCI and will enable them to share draft documents with other users and participate in on-line, "real-time" discussions and meetings.

MCCI Update is a monthly report from the co-chairs of the Michigan Cancer Consortium, Vicki Rakowski, RN, ET, and Aaron P. Scholnik, MD, for all those associated with the Michigan Cancer Control Initiative. To share ideas for future reports, or to change your mailing information, contact Patty Brookover at 517-335-9620 (FAX: 517-335-9397; e-mail: brookoverp@state.mi.us). For more information about the MCCI, contact Sue Haviland at 517-335-8372 (FAX: 517-335-9397; e-mail: havilande@state.mi.us).

Action Planning Group Convening Agencies

The MCC has finalized the list of MCC member organizations that will serve as convening agencies for the Action Planning Groups working on the 10 priority cancer control objectives. We are delighted to thank the following agencies for volunteering to serve as conveners.

<i>Action Planning Group</i>	<i>Objective</i>	<i>Convener(s)</i>
Breast Cancer Screening	By 2000, increase to 80 percent the proportion of Michigan women who receive risk-appropriate preventive services and age-appropriate annual breast cancer screening with clinical breast examination and mammography.	Michigan Nurses Association
Cervical Cancer Screening	By 2003, increase to 90 percent the proportion of women in high-risk populations who get Pap smears.	American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division, Inc.
Colorectal Cancer Screening	By 2004, increase to 50 percent the proportion of average-risk people with a life expectancy of at least five years who have received appropriate colorectal cancer screening.	Michigan Primary Care Association University of Michigan School of Public Health
Prostate Cancer Patient Education	By 2000, have patient surveys in use to measure newly diagnosed prostate cancer patients' knowledge and understanding of prostate cancer, treatment options, management of side effects, and quality of life issues and have means of using those survey findings to develop patient education activities.	Henry Ford Health System, Josephine Ford Cancer Center

Youth and Adult Smoking	By 2010: 1) reduce by 24 percent the proportion of Michigan high school seniors reporting smoking cigarettes on a regular basis; 2) reduce by 35 percent the overall Michigan adult smoking prevalence; and 3) reduce by 25 percent the number of cigarettes and the number of cigarette packs consumed annually by adult smokers.	American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division, Inc. Health Alliance Plan Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute Michigan Academy of Family Physicians Michigan State University Cancer Center University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center
Clinical Trial Recruitment	By 2005, increase the number and diversity of breast, cervical, colorectal, lung, and prostate cancer patients enrolled in collaborative clinical research studies.	University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center Michigan Society of Hematology and Oncology
Economic/Cost Data	By 2005, collect population-based economic data to assist in the analysis of cost and effectiveness of interventions for control of breast, cervical, colorectal, lung, and prostate cancers.	Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan
End of Life Referrals	By 2005, increase the timeliness of referrals to end-of-life services for breast, cervical, colorectal, lung, and prostate cancer patients.	Hospice of Michigan Michigan Hospice Organization Michigan State University Cancer Center
Standardized Lexicon/Format	By 2005, develop standardized formats and lexicons for use by surgeons, pathologists and radiologists that include data important in making breast, cervical, colorectal, lung, and prostate cancer treatment and prognostic decisions.	Michigan Health and Hospital Association

Important MCCI Dates to Remember

- Sept. 1, 1998:** Deadline for each MCC member organization to return its signed form endorsing all 10 MCC priorities and committing to work as a collaborating agency for at least one priority.
- Sept. 15, 1998:** Deadline for mini-grant contracts to be signed by Convening Agencies.
- Oct. 6, 1998:** Convening Agency staff orientation meeting at Genoa Woods Conference Center in Brighton.
- Oct. 7, 1998:** MCC meeting at the Genoa Woods Conference Center in Brighton. Action planning process begins for each priority. All members of the 10 Action Planning Groups should attend.
- January 1999:** Each Convening Agency sends its draft action plan to the MCC Strategic Planning Committee for review and comment. Action plans are reviewed by teams and results of those reviews are presented to Strategic Planning Committee.
- Feb. 3, 1999:** Strategic Planning Committee presents report of Action Planning Group progress to MCC. MCC discusses opportunities for cross-collaboration between groups.
- March 31, 1999:** Deadline for the 10 Action Planning Groups to have their action plans finalized sufficiently to begin implementation.
- April 1999:** Implementation of the 10 strategic action plans begins. Work continues to further develop action plans, if necessary.

MICHIGAN CANCER CONSORTIUM MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS:

ACCESS Community Health Center • American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division, Inc. • American College of Surgeons • Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute • Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan • Flint & Vicinity Action Community and Economic Development • Grand Rapids Community Oncology Program • Health Alliance Plan • Henry Ford Health System • Hospice of Michigan • Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. • Michigan Academy of Family Physicians • Michigan Association for Local Public Health • Michigan Association of Health Plans • Michigan Black Nurses Association • Michigan Dietetic Association • Michigan Health & Hospital Association • Michigan Hospice Organization • Michigan Nurses Association • Michigan Osteopathic Association • Michigan Peer Review Organization • Michigan Primary Care Association • Michigan Radiological Society • Michigan Society of Hematology and Oncology • Michigan State Medical Society • Michigan State University Cancer Center • National Association of Hispanic Nurses, Michigan Chapter • Oncology Nursing Society • St. Mary's Medical Center • University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center • University of Michigan School of Public Health • Upper Peninsula Health Care Network, Inc. • West Michigan Cancer Center: