

1 Call Logistics

Item	QUALITY OF LIFE – SURVIVORSHIP GROUP Meeting Notes
Date	Wednesday, March 10, 2021
Time	12:00 – 1:00 pm
Location	Zoom meeting
Purpose/Focus	To discuss Workgroup priorities and initiatives
Notetaker	Stefanie Washburn, co-chair

1 Attendees

Amy Jacobs and Stefanie Washburn, co-chairs

Maggie Arnesen, Jeanne Cooper, Colleen Dwyer, Diana Fox, Michelle Gaida, Rachel Harken, Ruth Hoffman, Susan Jacobs, Jennifer Kehm, Lorna LeMelle, Megan Maurer, Wendy Myers, Jackie Nixon, Christina Reardon, Aubrey Reichard, Stephanie Scoletti

2 Agenda

Attached

3 Discussion Items

- The co-chairs welcomed Workgroup members and introductions of new members were made.
- Survivorship Care Delivery Evaluation Project
 - Presented by:
 - Margaret Arnesen, Special Projects Manager, Division of Cancer Prevention and Control, Pennsylvania Department of Health
 - Christina Reardon, MSW, LSW, Research Associate, Temple University Harrisburg
 - CDC supplemental funding was secured for a 3-year project to collect and evaluate data related to quality of life in cancer survivors. Existing data/metrics in this area are limited.
 - Maggie and Christina are working with 3 Geisinger sites, the main location in Danville as well as Hazleton and Wilkes-Barre, and their multidisciplinary survivorship care teams.
 - Goals include developing strategies to increase access to survivor resources and increasing knowledge of guidelines and best practices.
 - Quantitative and qualitative data analysis will be included.
 - The functional assessment will assess physical, social/family, emotional, and functional well-being.
 - A link between survivorship care and clinical outcomes will be evaluated; this has not previously been demonstrated.
 - The work is beginning in spring 2021.
- Priority initiatives
 - A primary goal of the meeting was to establish the Workgroup’s interest in specific initiative(s) for focus moving forward. In follow up of last month’s discussion, and incorporating content shared by Maggie and Christina, it was determined that a call to action for the Workgroup is to collect, distribute, and promote resources for people living with cancer in PA and their healthcare providers.

- The Commission on Cancer Survivorship standard now requires that accredited sites develop a list of services and programs, offered on-site or by referral, that addresses the needs of cancer survivors. There should be momentum amongst healthcare providers to have access to updated resource listings, particularly in smaller or rural locations where fewer on-site programs can be provided.
- Workgroup members shared challenges that people living with cancer experience, such as transportation to screening and treatment.
- Resources were also shared, such as counseling services at the Cancer Caring Center (and 7 pillars) and an upcoming Livestrong at the YMCA tour across PA communities to collect data on county needs.
- Some of the Western PA Workgroup members have formed Team PORT (PA Oncology Resource Team) for the purpose of sharing resources, which will be a helpful foundation for the Workgroup's efforts.
- COVID-19 has led to a shift to online/virtual resources, but participation in these programs may be limited for people with cancer who do not have internet access.
- The Workgroup is interested in learning more about the role of patient navigators and community health workers in helping people access resources.
- Committee representation
 - Amy is representing the workgroup on the PCC Executive team.
 - Stefanie is representing the workgroup in the Communications subcommittee.
 - We are seeking a Workgroup member for representation in the Policy subcommittee.
- Workgroup membership
 - We discussed the importance of having representation from major health systems, including specialists such as PT, OT, and speech therapy.
 - Members were asked to circulate the PCC membership form to people who would like to join PCC and the Quality of Life-Survivorship Workgroup:
 - <http://www.pacancercoalition.org/membership-form>
 - Members were asked to add their own contact information to this Google doc:
 - [PCC Quality of Life/Survivorship Workgroup Member Listing](#)
- Next steps
 - The Workgroup will map out next steps for developing a resource hub, including which resource categories to cover, technology options for hosting the hub, ensuring that all people with cancer in PA and providers can access the information, how to keep the content updated, etc. At the next Workgroup meeting, Amy and Stefanie will recommend specific next steps to advance these efforts for discussion amongst the group.
 - Future meetings will include further discussion of patient navigator/CHW roles with identifying resources and increasing access for people with cancer.
 - The Workgroup will further discussing identifying a member to join the Policy subcommittee.

4 Closing

Amy and Stefanie closed the meeting at 1:00 pm. The next monthly Workgroup meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2021 at 12:00 pm.