

**Breast Cancer Control Advisory Board  
Meeting  
April 24, 2018, Minutes**

**Attending Board Members:**

Dr. Ronda Henry-Tillman, Dr. Jerri Fant, Dr. Hope Keiser, Dr. John Lynch via teleconference and Sharon Parrett.

**Absent Board Members:**

Sarah Faitak, Dee Collins and Alicia Storey

**Arkansas Department of Health (ADH):**

Toney Bailey, Dr. Appathurai Balamurugan, Gloria Bastidas, Molly Bradney, Verna Ferry, Rebecca Hallmark, David Kern, Michael Koch, Len Ragsdell, Deborah Rodgers, Reggie Rogers, Cheryl Roland, Misty Smith, and Brandy Sutphin.

**Other Organizations:**

No representatives

**I. Call to order:**

Dr. Jerri Fant, co-chair, called the meeting to order shortly after 5:00 p.m. (1700)

**A. Welcome and Introductions:**

Dr. Appathurai Balamurugan, Medical Director, Chronic Disease Prevention and Control Branch, introduced ADH staff members attending the meeting for the first time, Toney Bailey, Chronic Disease Branch Chief; Molly Bradney, BreastCare Program Manager; and she introduced Deborah Rodgers, BreastCare Nursing Program Coordinator, and Michael Koch, Budget Analyst. Dr. Balamurugan noted that Ms. Rodgers is working with regional nurse coordinators who work with ADH local health units which serve 70 percent of the ADH BreastCare Program patients.

**B. Comments from members of the public:**

No comments from the public.

**II. Review and Approval of Minutes from October 27, 2017 quarterly meeting:**

Sharon Parrett made a motion and Dr. John Lynch seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the October 27, 2017 meeting. The minutes were approved by a voice vote without discussion.

**III. Reports**

**A. FY2018 BreastCare Non-Federal Revenues and Expenditures**

Ms. Bradney said the Program has spent \$1,643,426 (44.8 Percent of its FY 2018 budget) from July 1 through March 31, 2019. The fund balance is approximately \$2 million. Expenditures were less because there were no provider reimbursement expenses counted in September, due to switch in billing systems, the Cancer Section had vacant positions and there were delays in putting contracts into effect.

Dr. Fant asked about the budgeted item of \$17,000 for extra help. Ms. Bradney said staffers will come in part-time at an hourly rate to perform work.

Ms. Bradney said the Federal FY19 application was submitted in February, and the Department typically gets its technical review from CDC in June.

## **B. FY2018 Third Quarter Enrollment**

Cheryl Roland, BreastCare Data Manager, presented the Third Quarter Report and indicated that the Second Quarter Report was in the meeting packet. She said the number of women enrolled through the end of the FY2018 Third Quarter, ending March 31, 2018, totaled 7,181 women, which breaks down into 4,663 served through federal funding and 2,513 served through state funding. The total women served during the last fiscal year was 7,777, so she said the program was on pace to exceed last year's total served.

She said that the Program has introduced a new table to its regular report. Table 5 on page 18 of this meeting's board packet shows the percentage of women, ages 40-64, served this fiscal year who had a mammogram within the past two years (50.3 percent), more than two years (23.9 percent) and who never previously had a mammogram (25.8 percent). Ms. Roland said the Program recommends a mammogram within one to two years, depending on a woman's family history. Dr. Fant and Dr. Balamurugan suggested it would be helpful to compile demographics, by age, race and region, for the patients who had never had a mammogram to determine if they were served by the state or federal programs. From January through March 2018, six women were diagnosed with breast cancer, 24 with cervical precancer and three with hyperplasia. Dr. Fant asked if the Program could determine how many of the six women diagnosed with breast cancer were between 40-50 years old. Sharon Parrett suggested that women be asked if they have received the HPV vaccine.

## **IV. Other Board Business**

### **A. Contracts: Report by Ms. Bradney**

1. Ms. Bradney discussed a contract with UAMS for mobile mammography services. Through 39 events, 765 women have been referred to screening mammography with the UAMS mobile mammography program. Of these 765 women, 666 women obtained a screening mammogram. Six of these events were during a weekend, and thirteen events occurred at worksites. Following screening mammograms, two out of the 666 screened were diagnosed with breast cancer. Through the first and second quarter of FY2018, 143 women enrolled in Arkansas BreastCare through the UAMS mammography program. The number of women enrolled in the third quarter was not yet available.

2. Other mobile mammography Units in Arkansas: Program staff posted a notice of funds availability in January 2018 and again in April 2018 to secure agreements with other mobile mammography facilities in the state, however the program received no applicants.

3. Program staff met with the Arkansas Coalition of Marshallese to discuss ways to partner to educate women on screening recommendations and navigate them to services.

4. Staff spoke with the Arkansas Association of Charitable Clinics. At this time, they are only able to disseminate information to the charitable clinics. Gloria Bastidas, the Cancer Section Health Educator, has forwarded BreastCare brochures to the clinics and plans to continue to provide informational resources with them.

5. Ms. Bastidas presented on the BreastCare program in Spanish at Arkansas Heart Association's Vestida Rojo (Red Dress) event on March 24 to approximately 120 participants. All 400 plus attendees of the event received an informational brochure on the BreastCare program.

**B. Billing: Report by Cheryl Roland**

The BC Staff took over billing for the Program in September and through the end of March it has paid 9,832 claims, representing 14,213 procedures, by 147 providers for 5,402 patients for a total of \$807,323. State funds paid \$430,962 and federal funds paid \$376,361.

**C. Treatment: Cheryl Roland**

Seven patients are participating in breast and cervical treatment funding program, three from the Northwest Region, one each from the Southeast and Central regions and two from the Southwest region. Fifteen women have been determined to be eligible since July 1, 2018, and \$161,037 has been spent on treatment. These are patients who don't qualify for any insurance.

**D. Patient Transportation: Molly Bradney**

A follow-up and detailed review of transportation services will be provided at a future meeting.

**E. Social Media Report: Gloria Bastidas**

Ms. Bastidas reported 698 likes of the BreastCare Facebook page from October through December 2017, and 745 likes from January through March 2018. Eighty-nine percent of these likes came from women and 11 percent from men. Viewers aged 35-44 and 45-54 were the largest groups of respondents. She said program staff have sent an electronic message to the Arkansas Association of Charity Clinics for the association to distribute to its members. The program also is working with the Arkansas Minority Health Commission to provide outreach information for a mobile health unit which the Commission will have next year. BreastCare also worked with the Office of Minority Health on its weekend beauty and barber shop initiative.

**IV. Other Board Business**

**A. Annual Approval of Payment of Mileage to Board Members to Attend BCCAB meetings**

ADH Legal Counsel Reginald Rogers read the section from the Arkansas Code Annotated requiring the board to approve the reimbursement of board members' expenses. Dr. Fant made a motion to approve reimbursement; Dr. Henry-Tillman seconded the motion which was approved on a voice vote without discussion. concerning authorization.

**B. Action Items for the next meeting**

1. Demographic information regarding patients who never previously had a mammogram until their first mammogram through the BreastCare Program.
2. Dr. Henry-Tillman made a motion and Dr. Fant seconded a motion to discuss using spots to get out the program's message through radio and television. The motion passed without objection.
3. Dr. Fant raised an issue about providing genetic testing for patients. Ms. Roland said federal rules still prevent federal money from being used for that type of testing. Dr. Fant suggested that the Program consider providing genetic testing through state funding.
4. Ms. Parrett suggested that a resource list be produced where patients, who travel long distances for their services, could receive lodging.

**VI. Closing**

Dr. Keiser made a motion, seconded by Dr. Henry-Tillman Alicia Storey to adjourn. The meeting adjourned shortly after 6:00 p.m. (1800)

The next regular quarterly meeting is tentatively set for Tuesday, July 23, 2018.