

**Breast Cancer Control Advisory Board  
Meeting  
October 23, 2018, Minutes**

**Attending Board Members:**

Dr. Jerri Fant, Dr. Hope Keiser, Sarah Faitak & Dr. John Lynch via teleconference, Sharon Parrett, and Alicia Storey, and Dee Collins (Ms. Collins' attendance was corrected as being present at the 10/23/18 meeting, during amendment of these minutes at the April 23, 2019 meeting.)

**Absent Board Members:**

Dr. Ronda Henry-Tillman

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

Toney Bailey, Dr. Appathurai Balamurugan, Gloria Bastidas, Angela Brown, Carrie Cochran-Raglon, Rebecca Hallmark, Mary Gray, Debby Harris, Amanda Hunter, David Kern, Michael Koch, Len Ragsdell, Reggie Rogers, Cheryl Roland, Dr. Hattie Scribner, and Brandy Sutphin.

**Other Organizations:**

No representatives attended the meeting.

**I. Call to order:**

Dr. Jerri Fant, co-chair, called the meeting to order at 1705, 0505 p.m.

**A. Welcome and Introductions:**

Dr. Appathurai Balamurugan, Medical Director, Chronic Disease Prevention and Control Branch and the Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program and State Chronic Disease Director, introduced ADH staff members attending the meeting for the first time: Mary Gray, Cancer Section Chief, who then introduced Dr. Hattie Scribner, the BreastCare Program Manager; Carrie Cochran-Raglon, the Colorectal Cancer Program Manager; Angela Brown, the Southeast Regional Care Coordinator, and Amanda Hunter, BreastCare Nurse Specialist, Cancer Program.

Sharon Parrett complimented Cheryl Roland and Verna Ferry who helped facilitate getting a mammovan to Amity for a successful screening event.

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

No comments from the public.

**II. Review and Approval of Minutes from April 24, 2018, quarterly meeting:**

Dr. Jerri Fant made a motion and Sharon Parrett seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the April 24, 2018, meeting. The minutes were approved by a voice vote without discussion.

### **III. Reports**

#### **A. FY2019 First Quarter; FY2018 Wrap-up Non-Federal Revenues and Expenditures**

Michael Koch, Cancer Budget Analyst, presented the non-federal revenues and expenditures report, a copy of which was given to each board member. The report noted that September 2018 revenue totaled \$238,318 and that year-to-date revenue stood at \$4,359,050. Mr. Koch noted that the program continues to increase its revenue from the Tobacco Tax Revenue. Total expenditures for September 2018 were \$139,220 leaving a monthly balance of \$99,098. Year-to-date-expenditures totaled \$517,363, leaving a balance of \$4,021,696. He noted that the program is no longer required to spend exactly 60 percent on clinical services and 40 percent on administration. The requirement is now that at least 60 percent be spent on clinical services and the program spends well above that on clinical services, he said.

#### **B. FY2019 First Quarter; FY2018 Wrap-up Enrollment**

Cheryl Roland, BreastCare Data Manager, presented the enrollment reports and noted that the total number of women enrolled through the end of Fiscal Year 2018 was 9,890, including 6,471 in federal programs and 3,419 in state programs. At the end of the Third Quarter FY2018 (through June 30, 2018), the numbers stood at a total of 2,709 women enrolled, including 1,808 in federal programs and 901 in state programs. Ms. Roland said the increase came from serving more cervical cancer patients and patients under 40 years of age.

Ms. Roland noted that in the first quarter of FY2019 (July through September 2019), the program was off to a good start and enrolled a total of 2,788 women, including 1,856 in federal programs and 923 in state programs. She also referred to the report on Mammogram Screening History at Enrollment for Women 40 to 60 years old. Based on first quarter 2019 data, 51.9 percent of women enrolled had their last mammogram within two years; 22.4 percent had their last mammogram more than two years previously, and 25.7 percent never had a mammogram previously.

Mary Gray, Cancer Section Chief, said program staff have met with members of a UAMS program seeking to increase participation in breast cancer programs through a faith-based approach. Dr. Appathurai Balamurugan said a previous faith-based program in Arkansas was Pink Carnation Sunday, which did not produce satisfactory results because cases were not followed up. He said he hoped that a new faith-based approach with follow-up would produce better results.

Ms. Roland reported on the number cancer and pre-cancer diagnoses for the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2019; seven diagnoses of breast cancer; three diagnoses of cervical cancer; 16 cervical pre-cancer and five hyperplasia.

Brandy Sutphin gave a report on Mammogram and Cervical Diagnoses, a detailed breakdown for Fiscal Year 2018. A total of 5,055 women ages 40-64 were enrolled in the Cancer Program. That total included: 2,029 women ages 40-44; 2,163, ages 45-54 and 863, ages 55-64.

Ms. Sutphin's report also noted the percentages of women by age group of the entire group of those enrolled, who had mammograms within the past two years, more than two years ago, or never previously. She also reviewed the percentages of women within each age group who had mammograms within the past two years, more than two years ago or never previously. Her report also broke down the total women enrolled by race (white, black, other, Unknown) and ethnicity (Hispanic, non-Hispanic and Unknown).

Ms. Sutphin also gave a report for FY2018 on women determined to have cervical cancer or precancer by HPV (human papillomavirus) testing and results: Two women were diagnosed with cervical cancer; 57 were diagnosed with cervical precancer; and out of 15 women who had taken an HPV test, 12 tests were positive and three were negative.

Board members and ADH staff discussed the reports. It was suggested that the program target women who get a mammogram and do not get follow-up mammograms and determine the reasons why they do not get follow-up mammograms. An action item was set for review before the next board meeting concerning why such a large percentage of women (52.7 percent) ages 45-54 did not receive annual mammograms. Sharon Parrett asked if patients were reminded to get mammograms. Cheryl Roland said providers and local health units and the Cancer Program send out reminders. It also was discussed and suggested that women coming for mammograms should be asked if they had been tested for HPV.

### **C. Contracts**

Mary Gray gave an update on work with the Arkansas Coalition of Marshallese. ADH staff met in June 2018 via conference call with coalition members and in September by a face-to-face meeting where offers of assistance were discussed. On October 19, 2018, the Cancer program received a budget request from the Marshallese which ADH staff will review.

Ms. Gray also gave a report on the UAMS mobile mammogram program for Fiscal Year 2018; 54 events were held, 1,122 women were referred for screening, of that number, 989 received screening; seven events were on weekends and 19 were at worksites and from those events, 218 women were enrolled in the BreastCare Program and 164 were screened. For the first quarter of 2019 (July to September 2019), there were eight events and 180 women were enrolled and 149 were screened. One of the eight events was after hours and three were at worksites. There were also a couple of talks or educational activities in which UAMS mammography staff participated.

### **D. Social Media and Educational Outreach**

Gloria Bastidas, the Cancer Section Public Health Educator, gave a report on BreastCare Social Media and educational outreach events. The reports were distributed to each board member. From April through the end of June, 2018, the BreastCare Facebook page recorded 748 likes. From July through the end of September 2018, the page recorded 719 likes. Ms. Bastidas also reported on a meeting she had with representatives of the American Cancer Society. She said that an inquiry was made with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention about providing money for transportation to bring women to screening, and CDC officials said it was difficult to provide money or gas credit cards for transportation. The Board and staff discussed ways of obtaining grant money for transportation. Ms. Bastidas also reported on the BreastCare program's use of four radio stations to get the message out to women in Spanish and Marshallese, as well as English. The Board discussed ways of reaching women through social media. Dr. Balamurugan complimented Ms. Bastidas on her outreach effort. Cheryl Roland noted that the Arkansas Cancer Coalition liked the BreastCare program radio ads so much that the ACC spent some of its own money to extend broadcasts of the ADH ads.

## **IV. Other Business**

### **A. Assisting Patients who cannot afford cancer treatment**

The board and staff briefly discussed ways of assisting patients who learn they have cancer and cannot afford treatment.

### **B. Board Member Reminders**

Reggie Rogers reminded board members whose terms were expiring in January 2019, Dr. Jerri Fant and Sarah Faitak, to indicate whether they wanted to be reappointed and if so to take steps to apply with the Governor's Office.

He also reminded board members to fill out their Statements of Financial Interest with the Secretary of State's Office by the January 30, 2019, deadline.

**C. Cancellation of January Meeting**

The board decided to cancel the January 22, 2019, meeting and did not reschedule the meeting, following a voice vote and a motion by Sarah Faitak and a second by Alicia Storey.

**D. Action item for the next BCCAB meeting.**

The only action item was a review of why a substantial number of women (52.7 percent) age 45-54 waited more than two years before having a follow-up mammogram.

**VI. Closing**

Ms. Parrett made a motion, seconded by Dr. Keiser to adjourn. The meeting adjourned shortly after 6:20 p.m. (1820)

The next regular quarterly meeting is tentatively set for April 23, 2019.