

**Cervical Cancer Task Force
Regular Meeting (virtual)**

**July 21, 2022
Minutes**

Attending Task Force Members:

Dr. Mike Riddell, AMS; Dr. Sam Greenfield, AMDPA; Pam Brown, AHA; Michelle Murtha, AFMC; Kim Wilmot, DHS.

Absent Task Force Members:

Rhonda Brown, ADH; Beatriz Mondragon, AMHC; Krista Kirksey, ACS; Amanda Deel, Arkansas Academy of Family Physicians; Laura Fletcher, Community at Large; (VACANT), Medical Insurance Industry; (VACANT), UAMS COPH.

Other Meeting Attendees:

Kirsty DeHan, Arkansas Cancer Coalition; Misty Smith, ADH; Julia Neely, St Jude Children's Research Hospital; Dave Kern, ADH

I. Old Business

a. Approval of Minutes

Michelle Murtha motioned to approve the minutes of April 21, 2022. Dr. Riddell seconded the motion. A motion to approve the minutes were voted unanimously in favor.

b. Task Force Vacancies

- i. Medical Insurance Industry - Dr. Nash with Blue Cross Blue Shield agreed to join the task force, we are just waiting on her CV to complete the process
- ii. UAMS COPH – Misty Smith emailed Dr. Williams to nominate a representative of COPH but has not heard from him. Dr. Greenfield will reach out to him.
- iii. CVs have been received from Dr. Mike Riddell, Rhonda Brown, and Pat Brown to begin a new term upon expiration later this year.

II. Member Updates

- a. Based on the duties of the Cervical Cancer Task Force, the task force is supposed to give a report to the Breast Cancer Control Advisory Board. To our knowledge, one has never been given.
- b. During a conversation between Dr. Greenfield and Dr. Riddell, they spoke about the HPV Summit and the discussions regarding VFC providers. How can we make recommendations for raising public awareness? Could the immunization branch at ADH develop an interactive GIS map? Dr. Dillaha is gathering information but it is not in a GIS format.
- c. Dr. Greenfield shared a map of VFC providers by County, which was downloaded from the ADH website. It would be useful to have a spreadsheet with the information or a user-friendly map.

- d. Should we recommend changing the name of the task force to include HPV? Would it be more appropriate to target HPV associated cancers as the function of the task force? HPV is the leading cause of cervical cancer, but HPV also causes many other cancers. The name may not be able to be changed since it was an act, but the focus should be on all HPV associated cancers.
- e. Dr Greenfield will draft some recommendations which will be circulated with the task force and recommended to the Breast Cancer Control Advisory Board by the end of the year. Send any recommendations to Dr. Greenfield and Misty Smith.
 - i. Create interactive VFC provider map
 - ii. Focus on all HPV related cancers, not just cervical cancer.
- f. Medicaid does not cover the HPV vaccine for ages 19-26. Under 18s are covered by VFC providers. How do we address that gap? Medicaid covers few vaccines for adults. VFC enrollment is low, how can we increase the number of VFC providers?

III. Other Business

- a. Agenda items for October:
 - i. Finalize a list of recommendations for the Breast Cancer Control Advisory Board
 - ii. Julia Neely with the St Jude HPV Cancer Prevention Program agreed to speak about their program. The focus of their program is to normalize the HPV vaccination as cancer prevention and also as a gender-neutral approach. St Jude has launched a communications campaign called “Path to a Bright Future” to address the importance of HPV vaccination through ages 9-12 and to get vaccinated by their 13th birthday. More information about this campaign can be found at stjude.org/research/comprehensive-cancer-center/hpv-cancer-prevention-program/bright-future.html. Julia’s contact info is Julia.Neely@stjude.org.
- b. The Cervivor, Inc. program has partnered with St Jude HPV Cancer Prevention Program to host the first [HPV Cancer Survivors School](#). Click the link to apply. HPV Cancer Survivors School is an educational experience for HPV cancer survivors looking to become more involved in HPV cancer prevention efforts and train survivors as advocates. This year’s survivors school will be held on October 21 to October 23, 2022 in Memphis, Tennessee.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20pm.

The next meeting is October 20, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom.