

CCRAB Newsletter

JULY/AUGUST 2017

1. Meeting with FL DOH about Cancer Prevention and Control Programs

On July 12th, 2017, Drs. Christopher Cogle, Clement Gwede and Bobbie McKee met in Tallahassee with Dr. Celeste Philip and the Florida Department of Health staff to review the Department's cancer prevention and control programs. The group reviewed the activities of and provided feedback to the Biomedical Research Program, Florida Cancer Data System, Breast and Cervical Cancer Detection Program, Colorectal Cancer Control Program, Comprehensive Cancer Control Program, and the Department's new Lung Cancer Screening Program. Specific updates will be provided at the CCRAB meeting on September 29th in Tampa.

2. Meeting among Chairpersons of CCRAB, BRAC and PCAC

On July 18th, 2017, Dr. Cogle met with Dr. Danny Armstrong, chairperson of the Biomedical Research Advisory Council (BRAC), and Dr. Tom Stringer, chairperson of the Prostate Cancer Advisory Council (PCAC), to share each other's activities, priorities and plans. The group also discussed their respective annual reports and the gap in funding highly meritorious Bankhead-Coley grant applications. The chairpersons agreed to participate in each other's council meetings and to meet again in one year.

3. CCRAB Member & Staff Spotlight: Bobbie McKee

CCRAB has a new staff liaison, Dr. Bobbie McKee. Bobbie joined Moffitt's Government Relations team in the role of External Board Manager, and will be providing the necessary support to assist the Council in fulfilling its responsibilities. Prior to this position, Bobbie graduated from the University of Central Florida with a Ph.D. in Public Affairs in 2016, and worked in advocacy and public policy at the American Cancer Society from 2005 to 2015. We look forward to working with Bobbie.

4. Next Meeting Friday, September 29, 2017 at Moffitt Cancer Center

The next CCRAB meeting will be held on Friday, September 29th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Stabile Research Building at Moffitt Cancer Center. Special guest presenter [Dr. Lisa Richardson](#) will inform Florida CCRAB's efforts by sharing her expertise as the CDC's Director of the Division of Cancer Prevention and Control.



The Florida Cancer Control and Research Advisory Council (CCRAB) was established by the Florida Legislature in 1979 with the purpose of advising the Legislature, Governor, and Surgeon General on ways to reduce Florida's cancer burden. Dr. Christopher Cogle is the Chair of CCRAB, and Dr. Clement Gwede is the Vice Chair.