

## Minutes of NM Cancer Council Policy/Advocacy Workgroup: *Thursday, January 11, 2007*

<b>PARTICIPANTS</b>  <b>Minutes taken by: Eileen Goode</b>	<b>X</b>	Terri Stewart, NMCCA	<b>X</b>	Eileen Goode, NMPCA
	<b>X</b>	Blaire Larson, Cancer Services of NM	<b>X</b>	Suzan Martinez de Gonzales, NMPCA
	<b>X</b>	Nathan Bush, ACS	<b>X</b>	Frederick Pintz, NMPCA
	<b>X</b>	Barbara Damron, UNM (by phone)		
	<b>X</b>	Gena Love, NMDOH		

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	DECISION/ACTION
<b>WELCOME &amp; INTRODUCTIONS</b>	Eileen welcomed everyone to the NMPCA office. Those present introduced themselves and the agency they represented	
<b>SELECT WORKGROUP CHAIR</b>	This action was postponed – additional members are expected and the consensus was that it might be best to choose a chair person after the group is more fully defined	
<b>DISCUSS OTHER MEMBERS NEEDED</b>	The group discussed others needed in this workgroup – several suggestions were made including Eileen Cook (Casa Esperanza); Harvey Licht (DOH-RPHCA); Bernadette Lujan (PLTC); Suzie Trujillo; Paul Duncan, MD (NM Medical Oncology Society); someone from ONS chapter – other than Barbara Damron ?; representative from Leukemia/Lymphoma Society; Barbara McAneny; perhaps state legislators that sponsor health related bills. The group suggested Christine Brown from DOH might have other suggestions.	Gena will invite members of the NM Cancer Council to join this workgroup.  Eileen will contact others suggested and invite them to the next meeting.
<b>OUTLINE SUPPORT ACTIVITIES NEEDED FOR NMPCA GRANT FROM HRSA -</b>	<p>Suzan &amp; Eileen outlined the support activities in the HRSA grant to the NMPCA. A premise is that there is limited access to specialty care particularly for the rural population and for those without insurance. The HRSA funding is to promote implementation of the state’s cancer &amp; tobacco control plans in Health Centers (FQHCs). Without increased availability of services and increased access to services many objectives in the NM Cancer Plan (NMCP) cannot be implemented at the Health Center level. In particular there are ties to the workforce issue portions of the NMCP. This workgroup is being asked by the NMPCA to assist with the development of a white paper that addresses need for additional access to specialty care. The group will need to examine the current capacity for screening and treatment.</p> <p>This workgroup will be responsible for development of a white paper that will be used to educate the state legislature. One anticipated outcome of this is increased Medicaid funding for specialty care (related to cancer).</p> <p>There was discussion about the need to narrow down the “who” in terms of who will receive the additional Medicaid funding. There was discussion of funding for prevention vs. detection. The need to include all advocacy goals of the NM Cancer Plan in the position paper – using this list to prioritize these advocacy activities for the legislature. The group discussed the need to prioritize objectives vs. activities from the Cancer Plan.</p>	Gena will develop a list of the advocacy goals from the NM Cancer Plan 2007-2011.
<b>DISCUSS THE MISSION OF THIS WORKGROUP</b>	The group expressed a need for a collaborative effort to develop a unified agenda in support of the NM Cancer Plan. Discussed the need for a process of endorsing	

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	legislation. After discussion the group agreed to the following mission statement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The mission of the NM Cancer Council Policy Advocacy Workgroup is to develop recommended policy and advocacy priorities in support of the NM Cancer Plan that can be communicated to the NM Legislature and other relevant groups via the NM Cancer Council</li> </ul>	
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	The group agreed to meet Monday, April 9 <sup>th</sup> , 10:00 – 11:30 at the NMPCA office	
<b>OTHER</b>	It was announced that the NM Cancer Council Day at the Legislature would be held March 1 <sup>st</sup> – the full Cancer Plan will not be available to distribute on that day but we can present the Executive Summary to the legislators.	