



## ICCCC: Iowa Consortium for Comprehensive Cancer Control

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## ICCCC: Springing Into Action

Dr. George Weiner opened up the ICCCC Spring Meeting on April 8th by introducing Robert and Rebecca Bluestone. Robert and Rebecca introduced the ICCCC to their life's work *Woven Harmony*. ICCCC members learned how a classical guitarist, a weaver and the story of survivorship come together in *Woven Harmony*. The rest of the morning was full of updates from state appropriated funds to legislative updates. Current project groups presented on what they hope to accomplish before June 2008 and then it was on to future project groups who recruited from the membership. If you were unable to attend the meeting or you are still looking for an implementation group to join please contact Christiana Taylor, ICCCC Manager or Sara Comstock, Partnership Program Coordinator. After a quick lunch members jumped back into work mode and met with their respective implementation groups. The entire group joined back together to learn about the progress towards 501c3 status. A vote was taken to set aside the current by-laws and vote on new by-laws for the 501c3. An electronic ballot was sent out (see results below). While the Consortium moves towards 501c3 status the vision and the goals of the ICCCC have not changed. The ICCCC's strong partnership will continue to work together to conquer cancer in Iowa.

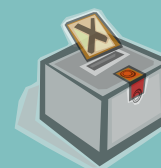


If you would like a copy of the meeting minutes or the PowerPoint presentations from the Spring Meeting please contact Christiana Taylor at [christiana-taylor@uiowa.edu](mailto:christiana-taylor@uiowa.edu).

## 2008 ICCCC Vote

An electronic vote to adopt the new by-laws as proposed at the Spring Meeting was approved by an overwhelming majority of those who voted. The new Board of Directors as proposed in the by-laws is as follows:

- George Weiner, M.D., President
- Ron Nielsen, Vice-President
- Amber Leed-Kelly, Secretary
- Norm Van Klompenburg, Treasurer
- Claudia Robinson, At-Large
- Cathy Callaway, At-Large
- Pat Overson, At-Large



Congratulations to our newly elected officials! This first board shall serve for a period of 1 year. Thanks to everyone who voted in the election. Our special thanks to outgoing Executive Committee Members who have been instrumental in moving the Consortium to where it is today.

## Colorectal Cancer RFP

A *Request for Proposals* regarding colorectal cancer screening is currently posted on the Iowa Department of Public Health website. To access a copy of the RFP, use the following URL: [http://www.idph.state.ia.us/apl/notice\\_of\\_funds.asp](http://www.idph.state.ia.us/apl/notice_of_funds.asp) and scroll down "to Iowa Get Screened: Colorectal Cancer Screening Project RFP."

### Timeline:

Letters of Intent Due	May 7, 2008
Proposals Due	May 21, 2008
Issue Notice of Award	June 12, 2008

Please review the RFP for specific details.



### Question of the Month:

Where can you find information about clinical trials taking place in Iowa?

## Legislation Update: Governor Culver Signs Smoke-Free Air Legislation

On April 15, a priority strategy of the Iowa Cancer Plan, 'to eliminate the public's exposure to second-hand smoke in workplaces, restaurants, and all other public facilities' took a giant step forward as Governor Culver signed House File 2212 into law.



Effective July 1, smoking will be banned or severely restricted in most public areas and workplaces, including bars and restaurants. The bill exempts casinos gambling floors and the Iowa Veterans Home. It also would allow smoking in retail tobacco stores, as well as outdoor areas of bars, but not outdoor seating areas of restaurants.

House File 2212 builds upon action that was taken last year to reduce cigarette use across the state. In March 2007, Governor Culver signed legislation that increased the tobacco tax \$1/pack.

Since that time, calls to Quitline Iowa have increased 500%, with more than 12,000 calls just since January 1st.

Congratulations are extended to all of the ICCCC members and their partner organizations for all of their hard work! Thanks to a strong collaboration among all of the tobacco control advocates, this comprehensive cancer control priority has become a reality. View the official language of HF2212 by going to [www.legis.state.ia.us](http://www.legis.state.ia.us) and searching for "HF2212" at the top right in the "Quick Find: Bills and Iowa Code."

The Iowa Department of Public Health has set up the following web page to answer questions on Iowa's new smoke-free air law. The page will be updated as information is finalized.

<http://www.idph.state.ia.us/tobacco/smokefree.asp>

### In the Headlines...

**Glossy Lip Balm May Boost Skin Cancer Risk:**

[Read more...](#)

**Increased Life Expectancy Seen For Patients with Advanced Colorectal, Ovarian and Testicular Cancer:**

[Read more...](#)

**Mouse Studies Identify Gene that May Influence Metastasis Risk in Breast Cancer**

Researchers have identified a pattern of gene activity in mice that may help to predict individual risk for breast cancer metastasis and survival in humans. [Read more...](#)

**Costs of Cancer Care Estimated for Elderly Patients**

[Read more...](#)

### Spirit of Eagles RFP Awards up to \$10,000

**Applicants:** Tribes, tribal agencies, urban tribal programs, tribal non-profit organizations and other non-profit organizations, educational institutions or government agencies serving AI/AN people may apply.

**Focus:** Projects may address cancer awareness, education, outreach, or training, help develop a tribal cancer plan, provide scholarships or conduct preliminary research.

#### Timeline:

Applications due: June 30<sup>th</sup>

Awards notified: July 15<sup>th</sup>

Project Length: August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 - April 30<sup>th</sup> 2009.

Please see attached cover letter for questions or contact Jessica Gilbertson at 701-328-4515 or [jfgilbertson@nd.gov](mailto:jfgilbertson@nd.gov).

Questions, comments, corrections, meeting dates and times, and/or story ideas, contact:

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## ***Understanding the Role of NCI's Clinical Trials Advisory Committee***

Don't miss NCI's Office of Advocacy Relations (OAR) next Understanding NCI teleconference, *Understanding the Role of NCI's Clinical Trials Advisory Committee*, on **Wednesday, May 21, from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m., EST**. The featured speaker will be Dr. Sheila Prindiville, Director, Coordinating Center for Clinical Trials, NCI's Office of the Director; Ms. Susan Leigh, Advocate Member, CTAC; and Col. (Ret.) Jim Williams, Advocate Member, CTAC. No registration is required for participation. To join the teleconference, dial toll-free within the U.S. **1-800-857-6584**. The passcode is: **CTAC**.

## ***Tools to Guide Cancer Control Planning for Prostate Cancer: Webinar***

NCI's Office of Advocacy Relations will host a Webinar on a set of simulation models from NCI's [Cancer Intervention and Surveillance Modeling Network](#) (CISNET). The models can be used to support the establishment of policies, guidelines, and evidence-based cancer control interventions (i.e., screening and treatment) for prostate cancer to optimally balance benefit and cost.

This Webinar is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 14, 2008**, from **12:00-1:00 p.m., EST**. No advance registration is required. More information and instructions on how to participate are available at the [CISNET - Webinar Page](#).

## ***National Ovarian Cancer Coalition – Iowa Chapter Walk***

Des Moines, Iowa

**May 10, 2008**

<http://www.ovarian.org/Divisions/Division.aspx?CName=IAPV&CPID=12>

National Ovarian Cancer Coalition's first walk at Grays Lake Park in Des Moines. Call (515) 289-0971 for more information.

## ***CancerCare: Telephone Education Workshop Series.***

Calls are from **12:30-1:30 C.S.T. 1-800-813-4673**

Recorded calls are available at 1-888-337-7533

## **MAY**

- May 1, 2008: [Breast Cancer: Update on Clinical Trials for Aromatase Inhibitors](#)
- May 13, 2008: [The Sixth Annual Cancer Survivorship Series: Living With, Through and Beyond Cancer, Part II: Rediscovering Intimacy in Your Relationships Following Treatment](#)
- May 16, 2008: [Medical Update on Metastatic Prostate Cancer](#)
- May 21, 2008: [Tools for Improving the Chemotherapy Experience](#)

[CancerCare :: Telephone Education Workshop Full Calendar](#)



Answer to Question of the Month: [www.canceriowa.org](http://www.canceriowa.org) has information about clinical trials and links to clinical trials taking place in Iowa under 'Research and Clinical Trials.'  
<http://www.canceriowa.org/trials/links/default.asp>