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Updates from the Iowa Cancer Consortium ICC Membership Tops 250

The Membership & Nominating (M&N) Committee has been traveling the state holding Cancer Forums in SW, NW and NE Iowa. During the forum attendees learn about the ICC, local cancer data, and state and national cancer control resources they can use at the local level. At each forum attendees discuss local cancer control efforts and needs. All attendees are invited to join the Consortium. With nearly 100 new members and the SE forums still to take place in the spring of 2010, the Committee is pleased with the results of the outreach efforts. If you are aware of potential new members please contact Sara Comstock, Comstock@CancerIowa.org, 319-335-8144.

During these outreach visits use of the GIS cancer maps, <http://www.uiowa.edu/iowacancermaps>, has helped communities make sense of localized cancer data.

All new ICC members are asked to complete a Partnership Profile and existing members are asked to create a new Profile. The Partnership Profile assists ICC staff in finding out the interests and talents of the membership. If you haven't already done so, please update your Profile at:

<http://survey.uiowa.edu/wsb.dll/1061/FY09partnerprofile.htm>



FY 2009 ICC Progress Report

The FY 09 ICC Progress Report will be mailed to Consortium members along with *The Changing Face of Cancer* and a copy of the American Cancer Society's legislative priorities. If you would like additional copies of any of the materials please contact Comstock@CancerIowa.org.

National Cancer Institute, Cancer Information Service (NCI CIS) will be ending its Partnership Program in January 2010. More information about the National Cancer Institute's plans for outreach to communities can be found at <http://cis.nci.nih.gov/ncioutreach.html>. You may contact the National Cancer Institute at 1-800-4-CANCER or www.cancer.gov to order educational materials. Sara Comstock will continue to assist persons who need CIS or other cancer related materials. You can reach Sara at Comstock@CancerIowa.org or 319-335-8144.

Implementation Group Updates

Cancer Health Disparities

The Cancer Health Disparities Group is working with four diverse communities across Iowa to implement cancer control strategies at the local level. The ICC is partnering with the Office of Multicultural Health and many other statewide organizations in the planning of these outreach efforts.

African American Breast Cancer Survivors, *Black Hawk County*

The ICC is partnering with the Beyond Pink Team, <http://www.cedarvalleybreastcancer.org> to provide mini-grants to community-based initiatives offering support and education to African American women who are survivors of breast cancer.

Latino Community Cancer Forums, *Polk County*

The ICC is partnering with organizations throughout the Des Moines metro area that serve the Latino community. Four forums focusing on cancer in the Latino community will be held throughout spring 2010. RSVP to Comstock@CancerIowa.org to attend any of the forums.

Thursday, February 11th
Cancer in the Latino Community
United Way
11:30 – 1:00
1111 9th St # 100
Des Moines, Iowa

Thursday, March 11th
Cancer in the Latino Community
United Way
11:30 – 1:00
1111 9th St # 100
Des Moines, Iowa

Thursday, April 8th
Cancer in the Latino Community
United Way
11:30 – 1:00
1111 9th St # 100
Des Moines, Iowa

Tuesday, May 11th
Cancer in the Latino Community
United Way
11:30 – 1:00
1111 9th St # 100
Des Moines, Iowa

Rural Iowans, *Union County*

The ICC is partnering with the Greater Regional Medical Center in Creston, Iowa to reach rural Iowans in the southwest corner of the state. Creston was the site of one of the first cancer outreach forums and had great participation from the community and health professionals.

American Indians, *Throughout Iowa*

ICC is partnering with the Iowa Office of Multicultural Health and the Northern Plains Comprehensive Cancer Control program to provide cultural competency training to healthcare professionals.

If you are interested in assisting with planning or implementation efforts of any of the above efforts please contact Sara Comstock, Comstock@CancerIowa.org or Sieglinde Prior, sprior@idph.state.ia.us.

Iowa Cancer Events & Resources

Iowa Cancer MAPS

Mentors Assisting & Preparing Survivors

The goal of the program is to provide one-on-one support to cancer survivors, family members, and/or caregivers that live in the state of Iowa.

If you are a cancer survivor and would like to mentor a newly diagnosed cancer survivor or be matched with someone who has had a similar experience please call 1-888-99-4-MAPS (6277) or visit www.IowaCancerMAPS.org.

Survivorship Conference in Des Moines

March 6th 2010

Featuring Keynote Speaker: Sage Bolte, MSW, LCSW, OSW-C

An opportunity to Share, Learn, Socialize, and Network

A conference for:

- Young adult survivors of pediatric and young adult cancers between the ages of 18-40
- Loved ones of young adult survivors
- Healthcare professionals

Topics to be addressed:

- Employment and Insurance
- Nutrition and Fitness
- Fertility
- Intimacy and Relationships
- After-Effects (long-term and late-effects)
- Emotional Care
- Current and ongoing research
- Available Resources and Ways to get Involved at the local, state, and national levels

Extras:

- Health & Wellness Expo featuring a variety of resources from the community
- Lunch will be provided
- Social activity immediately following the conference

Location: Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites – Des Moines NW

Cost: \$35 Student Rate: \$25

Register by February 1st

Early Registration – By January 1st 2010

Cost: \$30 Student Rate: \$20

Online registration will be available soon at

www.childrenscancerprograms.com

For more information contact Brecka at The Heart Connection Children's Cancer Programs Brecka@childrenscancerprograms.com or at (515)243-6239 ext. 6

Upcoming Events

December 11th
ICC Mid-Year Progress Reports Due
Send to Devery@CancerIowa.org

December 14th
ICC New Member Orientation
9:00 – 9:30
RSVP to Rollins@CancerIowa.org

December 16th
ICC Patient & Family Resources Call
1:00 – 2:00
1-888-290-7502
Passcode: 9648762#

January 6th
ICC Governmental Relations Call
11:00 – 12:00
1-888-290-7502
Passcode: 9648762#

February 11th
Cancer in the Latino Community
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Des Moines, Iowa

March 6th
Survivorship Conference
Holiday Inn NW
Des Moines, Iowa
www.childrenscancerprograms.com

March 11th
Cancer in the Latino Community
United Way
11:30 – 1:00
Des Moines, Iowa

April 8th
Cancer in the Latino Community
United Way
11:30 – 1:00
Des Moines, Iowa

April 22, 2010
**Iowa Cancer Consortium
Spring Meeting**
Carroll, Iowa

May 11th
Cancer in the Latino Community
United Way
11:30 – 1:00
Des Moines, Iowa

September 20 & 21, 2010
Iowa Cancer Summit
West Des Moines, Iowa

National Cancer Control Events & Activities

Communities as Partners in Cancer Clinical Trials – Implementation Partners Showcase

Four free webinars highlight the activities of grant awardees implementing recommendations from the final report of Communities as Partners. All sessions held from 3:30 PM - 5 PM ET, dates and topics below. Full details and registration for the webinars is at

<http://www.enacct.org/whats-new/press-coverages/enacct-and-ccph-host-four-free-webinar-showcasing-communities-partners-ca>

December 7, 2009: Cancer Center Partnering Efforts with African American and Latino Organizations to Enhance Access to Cancer Clinical Trials

December 10, 2009: Patient Leadership in a Local Cancer Clinical Trial Public Awareness Campaign

January 7, 2010: The Potential for Community Advisory Boards in Cancer Clinical Trials

January 11, 2010: Expanding Access to Cancer Clinical Trials through Improvements in the Informed Consent Process

12th Annual National *Dialogue for Action*

March 24-26, 2010

Baltimore, MD

<http://preventcancer.org/>

Second Annual International Telehealth Palliative Care Symposium

April 27-29, 2010

<http://www.palliativeak.org/>

Community-Campus Partnerships for Health's 11th Conference "Creating the Future We Want to Be: Transformation through Partnerships"

May 12-15, 2010

Portland, Oregon

<http://www.ccph.info>

Cancer, Culture & Literacy – 7th Biennial Conference

May 20-22, 2010

Clearwater Beach, FL

<http://moffitt.org/ccl>

New Resource for Young Adults and Adolescents with Cancer

Nearly 70,000 adolescents and young adults (ages 15 – 39) learn they have cancer each year in the United States. This portal offers links to resources for questions about cancer, its treatment, clinical trials, and issues that may be faced after treatment. It also contains links to research studies and reports.

<http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/aya>.

Cancer Control Resources

SaludToday: The Redes En Acción research team has unveiled a new Latino health Website and blog, SaludToday, to promote healthier lifestyles among Latinos. SaludToday is an interactive, online forum dedicated to stimulating an ongoing discussion among Latino families, community leaders, health researchers and others. By 2050, it is estimated that about one in every three people in the U.S. will be Latino. Yet Latinos suffer greatly from health disparities – differences in the burden of certain diseases and health conditions compared to non-Hispanic whites. Latinos tend to have less income, education, access to health care and insurance coverage, placing them at a greater disadvantage when it comes to being in good health. The SaludToday site is backed by the Redes En Acción research team and presents stories, current news and events of interest. To explore Salud-Today, or to contribute a story or feedback, please visit <http://www.saludtoday.com>.

Health Fair Event Kit: Are you having a health fair, round table, workshop or other event? The Womenshealth.gov Event Kit includes talking points and materials to help make your event successful. Download the Event Kit at <http://www.womenshealth.gov/media/collaborate/eventkit.pdf?from=newsletter11> and call the Womenshealth.gov information referral center (800-994-9662) to order materials for your event.

Funding

Health Impact Project - Advancing Smarter Policies for Healthier Communities

Deadline: Grants awarded on rolling basis; proposals may be submitted at any time.

The Health Impact Project, a collaboration of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and The Pew Charitable Trusts, encourages the use of health impact assessment (HIA) to help decision-makers better assess proposed policies, projects and programs with respect to their impact on health, in order that they may avoid adverse health consequences and costs and improve health. This call is for proposals demonstrating the effectiveness of HIAs and promoting their incorporation into local, state, tribal and federal decision-making. For more information, visit <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=20921>.

Cancer in the News

NIH Announces First National Research Study Recruitment Registry

To learn more about ResearchMatch and to register as a volunteer, visit:

www.researchmatch.org

Independent Task Force Updates Recommendations on Breast Cancer Screening

<http://www.cancer.gov/ncicancerbulletin/111709/page2>

Understanding the new mammography guidelines

Public health expert and breast cancer survivor puts mammography guidelines in perspective

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/11/23/AR2009112301801.html>

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