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Cancer Plan Revision Meetings Set

The foundation for the revision of the Iowa Cancer Plan has been set, and four in-person meetings are scheduled to move planning into full swing:

Treatment Section | Monday, November 8, 2010 | 12-3 p.m.
American Cancer Society | Tree of Life Room | 8364 Hickman Rd.
Des Moines, IA

Screening Section | Tuesday, November 9, 2010 | 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
American Cancer Society | Tree of Life Room | 8364 Hickman Rd.
Des Moines, IA
Lunch provided

Prevention Section | Wednesday, November 10, 2010 | 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Wells Fargo Bank | Sullivan Room | 833 4th Ave. | Grinnell, IA
Lunch provided

Quality of Life Section | Friday, November 12, 2010 | 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
ICC Conference Room | 2662 Crosspark Road | Coralville, IA
Lunch provided

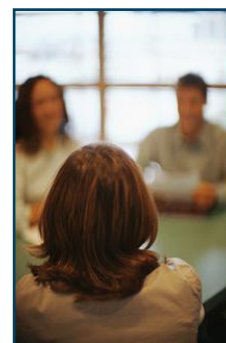
RSVP for these sessions by e-mailing Comstock@CancerIowa.org.
Find more information and plan revision materials at www.CancerIowa.org.

Host a State-wide Cancer Plan Community Forum

The strength and success of the Cancer Plan revision process - and the ICC - depends on the involvement of a diverse group of Iowans from a variety of communities. To ensure opportunities for all Iowans to provide input into the new plan, ICC member organizations from across the state will be invited to host Cancer Plan Community Forums in spring of 2011.

Welcoming Iowans through your doors for one of these meetings will also be a great way to show your community members and other ICC members the invaluable work your organization does in your community.

Want more information? Contact Kelly Sittig at Sittig@CancerIowa.org.



Meet the 2010-11 Board of Directors Nominees

The following ICC members are running for election to three seats on the Board of Directors. Enjoy reading about their interests and backgrounds in cancer, and watch for your electronic ballot in December.

Raul Calderon, ICC member since July 2010

Q. Please explain your interest in cancer control.

A. Like many other families in Iowa and the nation cancer has personally touched my family. My father died of cancer at the early age of 67. I have a personal and professional interest in combating cancer, especially through prevention efforts.

I have had a long-standing interest in health and promotion of healthy lifestyle behaviors. These interests lead me to pursue a Ph.D. in the area of health psychology and advanced training in the prevention of chronic diseases, including cancer. I would like to use my academic training and research experience to help further advance ICC's comprehensive cancer prevention programs here in Iowa.

Q. Why are you interested in a position on the ICC Board of Directors, and why would you be a valuable addition to the Board?

A. I am interested in being a board member because such a position would afford me the ability to positively influence programs and policies concerning cancer control throughout the state of Iowa.

I would be a valuable addition to the board because I bring a diverse and strong research background to this important group. My professional training in epidemiology of chronic diseases at the Stanford Center for Research in Disease Prevention will provide the basis for helping to effectively evaluate and select the best evidence-based cancer prevention practices. Additionally, I work well as a team member and would enjoy having the opportunity to foster dynamic productive relationships between ICC and other health-related agencies in and out of Iowa.

Lorrie Graaf, ICC member since 2001

Q. Please explain your interest in cancer control.

A. My interest in cancer control stems from the fact 1 in 3 women and 1 and 2 men will face cancer in their lifetimes. This statistic has impacted me personally, as several very close family members have heard the words "you have cancer." Professionally, throughout my career in public health I have been actively involved in cancer continuum interventions and strategies, in an effort to help reduce cancer incidence and deaths.

Q. Why are you interested in a position on the ICC Board of Directors, and why would you be a valuable addition to the Board?

A. Since 2001, I have been part of cancer prevention and control efforts in Iowa and have a long history with ICC. As a CDC Field Public Health Advisor, I was assigned to the Iowa Department of Public Health with the charge of helping 1) create a Comprehensive Cancer Control Program within the Iowa Department of Public Health; 2) establish a state cancer coalition; and 3) develop and implement a state cancer plan. Currently, as the Director of Healthcare Partnerships with the American Cancer Society, Midwest Division, I am involved in comprehensive cancer control activities at the Division level. With my current duties and background in CCC, I can bring to the board federal, state, and non-profit perspectives of cancer prevention and control issues.

Amber Leed-Kelly, ICC member since 2001

Q. Please explain your interest in cancer control.

A. *My interest in cancer control is both professional and personal. I have worked in the field of cancer control for 16 years and I truly feel that it is something that I have been called to do. And, like many of you, my family members, co-workers, friends and neighbors have been touched by cancer. We have made great strides in reducing cancer incidence and mortality, but we still have a long way to go. Working in the field of cancer control has allowed me the opportunity to work with outstanding individuals and organizations to make a positive impact in our communities. We must continue to work together to promote healthy lifestyles and cancer screening and advocate for policies that support a healthy environment and improve access to care and treatment. I feel very blessed to have a job where I can make a difference in the lives of others every day.*

Q. Why are you interested in a position on the ICC Board of Directors, and why would you be a valuable addition to the Board?

A. *I would be honored to continue serving as a board member of the ICC. I have been a part of the tremendous growth of the ICC over the past two years, and would like to be a part of it for the next two years. I feel that I would be a valuable addition to the Board because of my prior experience with the ICC - serving as a subcommittee chair and as a member of the Board. I have experience partnering with many different organizations including serving on the boards of the South Omaha Community Care Council, the Great Plains Colon Cancer Task Force, several local tobacco coalitions and the advisory board for the Nebraska Comprehensive Cancer Control Program. I also feel it is important to have representation from across the State and I am interested in representing the "western" part of the state for the next two years.*

Norm Van Klompenburg, ICC member since 2001

Q. Please explain your interest in cancer control.

A. *My interest started in studying the relationship between substance abuse and tobacco use and cancer. As I became more involved in the Consortium it became obvious there is much that can be done to help people prevent, identify and treat the disease early. The Consortium can be a powerful instrument to help attain that.*

Q. Why are you interested in a position on the ICC Board of Directors, and why would you be a valuable addition to the Board?

A. *I have some knowledge of the history and operation of the group and have a background in administering public programs. I think that can be helpful in developing policy for the Consortium.*

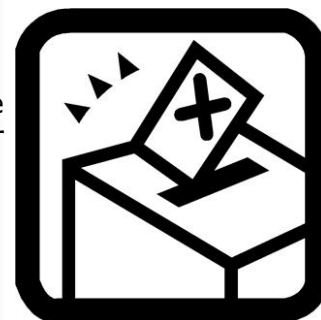
Make Your Vote Count!

To receive a ballot for the Board of Directors election, you must be up to date on your ICC membership dues. Membership is \$20 per individual, or \$250 per organization (includes five individual memberships).

Membership applications and forms are available at

<http://www.canceriowa.org/About-the-ICC/Join-the-ICC.aspx>.

Scholarships are available.



Lung Cancer Trial Results Show Mortality Benefit with Low-Dose CT

NCI has released initial results from the National Lung Screening Trial (NLST), a randomized national trial involving more than 53,000 current and former heavy smokers ages 55 to 74. The trial compared the effects of two lung cancer screening procedures—low-dose helical computed tomography (CT) and standard chest X-ray—on lung cancer mortality and found 20 percent fewer lung cancer deaths among trial participants screened with low-dose helical CT. [More...](#)

Explaining Place-Based Colorectal Cancer Health Disparities: Evidence from a Rural Context

The ICC partnered with Kirsten Beyer, a PhD Student in the University of Iowa Department of Geography, on a community-based project in Storm Lake, Iowa. The results of the study are available at <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2010.09.017>.

Dialogue on Dissemination: A Practitioner Perspective

Tuesday, November 16, 2010 | 1-2 p.m.

Join the National Cancer Institute for the final in a series of three discussions highlighting promising approaches and addressing barriers to implementing evidence-based programs and policies.

This month, explore evidence-based cancer control from a practitioner perspective and share your experiences. Join three nationally-recognized cancer control professionals as they lead an engaging discussion on the skills public health practitioners need in order to effectively “bridge the gap” from research into practice. Presenters include Hope Krebill, RN, BSN, MSW of Midwest Cancer Alliance; Ginny Thompson Kirklin, MPH, CHES of the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Houston Affiliate; and Hali Robinette, MPH of the University of Hawaii Cancer Research Center.

To register visit http://ccplanet.cancer.gov/cs_dialogue_practitioner.html.

Communication in Cancer Care

Information from the [National Cancer Institute](#).

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