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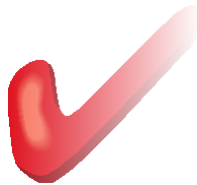
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Check it Off Before the New Year!

Vote

If your ICC membership is current, you should have recently received a link to an electronic ICC Board ballot in your inbox. If you are a member and did NOT receive a link to the ballot, or if you have any questions regarding the Board election, contact Tina Devery at (319) 335-8144 or Devery@CancerIowa.org.

Voting ends December 20, 2012.



Renew

While you're checking your inbox for the Board ballot email, watch for an email about membership renewal. 2012 memberships expire on December 31st.

Emails with renewal instructions have gone out to members whose memberships are expiring, but you can also check to see when yours is due to expire by logging in [here](#).

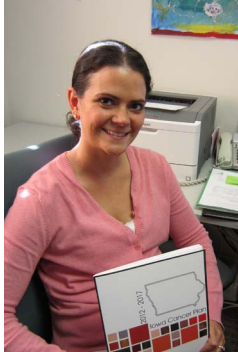
As always, let us know if we can help or answer any questions. Contact us at staff@canceriowa.org or (319) 384-1741.

Cheers to a fantastic 2012!

The ICC staff thanks you for a great 2012 full of strong partnerships, innovative work, and unwavering commitment to the people of Iowa. As the year winds down and a new year begins, know that we are thankful to work with each and every one of you, and are inspired by your passion and abilities. Happy, happy 2013!!



Katie Jones



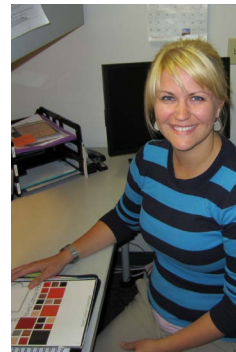
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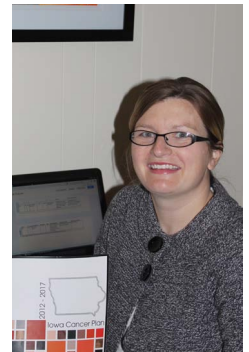
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ICC Funds Eight Mini-Grant Projects

The ICC Board of Directors has funded eight mini-grant projects that address priorities, strategies, and/or action steps within the [2012-2017 Iowa Cancer Plan](#). Applicants could request up to \$5,000 each for a project to be implemented November 15, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

Funded mini-grant projects for fiscal year 2013 include

- American Cancer Society Colleges Against Cancer Tobacco Prevention Outreach Program**
 Applicant: American Cancer Society
- Black Hawk County Health Community Breast Cancer Forum**
 Applicant: New Jerusalem Ministries
- Engaging and Training Latino Community Leaders in Cancer Prevention**
 Applicant: Center for the Advancement of Latino Health
- HPV Vaccination Education**
 Applicant: New Opportunities, Inc.
- Radon Information and Curriculum for School Students Ages 9-14**
 Applicant: American Lung Association in Iowa
- Radon Testing in Plymouth and Surrounding Counties**
 Applicant: University of Iowa Department of Family Medicine
- Radon Testing Project and Evaluation**
 Applicant: Linn County Public Health

Log On: AccrualNet™

<https://accrualnet.cancer.gov>

(Watch a short introductory video [here](#).)



The National Cancer Institute (NCI) has launched it's newly updated AccrualNet™ for clinical trials coordinators to share resources and tools through a community of practice.

Subscribe: The New York Times Well Blog well.blogs.nytimes.com



Among this blog's series are *Living With Cancer*, and *Life, Interrupted* written by a young adult dealing with a cancer diagnosis.

'Iowa Data Tools' Webinar Recording, and NEW Capacity-Building Session!

View the recording of the first webinar in the ICC's FREE Capacity-Building Series, and register for upcoming sessions at www.CancerIowa.org/CapacityBuildingSeries.aspx.

Upcoming webinars in the series include

- Policy, Systems, & Environmental Change**
 12-1 p.m. | December 13th
- Radon 101, and Radon Programs Available in Iowa**
 12-1 p.m. | January 17th
- Gearing Up for Colorectal Cancer Month: Available Resources and Tools**
 12-1 p.m. | February 12th
- Writing Survey Questions: How to Get Responses and What to do Once You Have Answers**
 12-1 p.m. | April 17th
- Make the Most of Your ICC Membership**
 12-1 p.m. | May 8th
- Survivorship Resources: Improving the Quality of Life for Iowa Cancer Survivors**
 12-1 p.m. | June 18th

NEW!

The ICC is also pleased to announce this *in-person workshop* as part of it's Capacity-Building Series:

- Reducing Cancer Disparities & Promoting Health Equity Among Socioeconomically Disadvantaged Populations**

Workshop presented by Shalini Parekh, MPH, Socioeconomic Status Related Cancer Disparities Program

9 a.m.-4 p.m. (Tentative) | April 4th

Raccoon River Nature Lodge | West Des Moines
Registration will be free, but is limited to 40 individuals and no more than two individuals from any one organization. More information and a link to registration will be released in January 2013.

www.canceriowa.org/CapacityBuildingSeries.aspx



HIV and Cancer

By Katie Jones, ICC Project Coordinator

Each year, December 1st is observed as World AIDS Day, a time to remember those who are affected by HIV/AIDS, raise awareness of the HIV/AIDS pandemic, and unite people across the world in the fight against HIV.

People infected with HIV have a higher risk of some types of cancer. AIDS-related cancers include Kaposi sarcoma, non-Hodgkin lymphoma, and invasive cervical cancer.^{1,2} Non-AIDS-related cancers that people with HIV are more likely to get are lung cancer, Hodgkin's Lymphoma, anal cancer, liver cancer, and some skin cancers.²

Why are people with HIV more likely to get some cancers?

HIV weakens the immune system, which reduces a body's ability to fight infections that can lead to cancer.

Viruses cause many of the cancers people with HIV are at increased risk of getting. HIV can work together with these viruses to help cancer cells start growing, and in some cases, grow faster than they would in people without HIV.

People with HIV and AIDS are living longer due to advancements in medical treatments. Risk of cancer increases with longevity.

Also, people with HIV are more likely to be smokers. About 60% to 70% of people with HIV smoke, which is a risk factor for many different kinds of cancer, including lung cancer.²

People with HIV can lower their risk of cancer.

Cancer prevention efforts are important for people living with HIV/AIDS. These efforts include smoking cessation, taking prescribed HIV medications on schedule to strengthen the immune system, using condoms to protect against transmission of HIV and other viruses, eating healthy foods, exercising regularly, avoiding drugs and alcohol, and using protection from the sun.²

Early detection of cancer is important too. People living with HIV/AIDS should ask their health-care providers



about regular cervical Pap smears, anal Pap smears, and colon/rectal exams, and should get an oral exam by a dentist every six months. Knowing the warning signs of cancer and doing self-exams is also important.²

Health care providers should take action, too.

For a patient with HIV to reduce their risk of developing cancer, they first need to know they have HIV. Yet, many people with HIV do not realize they are infected. The United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommends that health-care providers screen for HIV in all adolescents and adults at increased risk for HIV infection.³ For more information about individual risk factors, click [here](#). USPSTF also recommends that all pregnant women should be screened for HIV. For more information about HIV testing recommendations, click [here](#).³

Health care providers should encourage patients with HIV to take the steps listed above to prevent cancer, and should educate patients on steps they can take to detect cancer early.

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Cancer Patient Education E-Books

Some of the National Cancer Institute's most popular education publications are available as e-books. These booklets can be added to an e-book reader, smartphone, or tablet for handy reference tips about coping with cancer.

www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/cancerlibrary/ebooks



ICC Organizational Member Spotlight: Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH)



What is your organization's mission?

The mission of the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) is to promote and protect the health of Iowans; for the Comprehensive Cancer

Control (CCC) Program, it is to reduce the burden of cancer in Iowa and improve the quality of life for survivors by increasing awareness of cancer prevention and screening, education programs and activities, treatment information, health equity and policy, systems and environmental change.

In your own words, what does your organization do?

As one of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) CCC funded cooperative agreement programs, we provide leadership and coordination of Iowa's cancer prevention and control efforts through the three required P's; our CCC Program at IDPH, which ensures Iowa has a statewide cancer Partnership (the ICC), and a cancer control Plan for the state.

How does your work support the Iowa Cancer Plan?

The IDPH CCC staff actively participates in every aspect of cancer control in Iowa. We serve on various ICC committees and implementation groups, work on implementation of the state cancer plan and collaborate with and fund partner organizations on special cancer projects. Our program also provides state and federal funds to support the ICC management staff and yearly funding of projects that address the goals, priorities, and strategies included in the state cancer plan.

Whom do you serve?

The IDPH CCC Program serves all Iowans, the public, health care providers, governmental agencies, and other CCC Programs around the country.

Why are you an Iowa Cancer Consortium organizational member?

Our program has a vested interest in serving on the ICC and ensuring the state cancer control plan is implemented. Our mission ties directly to that of the ICC. The networking and collaborating opportunities with other organizations, individuals, cancer survivors, etc., at meetings and during conference calls with the ICC is a value-added benefit.

Connect with IDPH



A variety of FREE educational materials created for health care providers and the public are available at www.idph.state.ia.us/CCC/ccr_resources.asp. Call the IDPH CCC Program at 515-281-0925 with questions or to place an order.

Coming Soon: IFP Topic Calls

In preparation for the release of the FY14 invitation for proposals (IFP) in March 2013, the ICC will offer a series of IFP topic calls to foster collaboration on grant project ideas based on a specific topic. Calls will be scheduled in February and March 2013, and will focus on radon, tobacco, physical activity and nutrition, sun safety, and other important cancer focus areas. Any member interested in these areas, regardless of committee or group membership, are welcome to participate.

For more information, or to suggest topics, contact Rachel Schramm at schramm@canceriowa.org or (319) 467-4569.

Governor Proclaims Lung Cancer Awareness & Education Month in Iowa

On November 28, 2012, Gov. Terry E. Branstad signed a proclamation designating November 2012 as Lung Cancer Awareness and Education Month in Iowa. Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in Iowa.



Events

American Cancer Society Legislative Breakfast

January 16, 2013 | 7:30-9:30 a.m. | Capitol Building | Des Moines, IA | RSVP to Cassie.Furlong@Cancer.org.

Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center Melanoma Symposium

The intent of the Melanoma Symposium is to bring together a group of those actively involved or considering involvement with melanoma research; to show the current resources and ongoing clinical and basic research projects of the University of Iowa's Melanoma Program; and to identify new projects for pilot funding from the University of Iowa's Melanoma Program.

January 19, 2013 (Register by Jan. 14, 2013) | 8 a.m.-6 p.m. | FREE | [More information.](#) | [Registration form.](#)

American Cancer Society Day at the Capitol

February 26, 2013 | Capitol Building | Des Moines, IA | RSVP to Cassie.Furlong@Cancer.org.

Save the Date: Iowa Governor's Conference on Public Health

April 9-10, 2013 | Scheman Conference Center | Ames, IA | [More information...](#)

Funding

Susan G. Komen for the Cure National Vulnerable Populations Grants Program

The National Vulnerable Populations Grants Program aims to reduce and eliminate disparities in breast cancer screening and mortality rates. The goal of the 2013 request for applications is to develop more effective and efficient processes for breast cancer screening, referral, diagnosis, treatment, follow-up and survivorship. The priority of this RFA is to provide support that enables organizations to improve the quality of breast health services and breast cancer services. Applications from organizations seeking to develop and implement systems and process improvement change to reduce breast cancer disparities among vulnerable populations will be considered.

Application deadline: January 18, 2013, 5 p.m. EST | [More information....](#)

2013-2014 Komen Iowa Small Grants Program

The purpose of the Small Grants program is to create opportunities to reach new communities, fund innovative projects, and build partnerships.

Application deadline: January 18, 2013 | [More information...](#)

Calls for Abstracts

Call for Abstracts: 2013 Dialogue for Action Conference

The Prevent Cancer Foundation is now accepting abstracts for the 2013 Dialogue for Action conference on March 21-22nd, 2013 in Baltimore, MD. The conference has expanded from only focusing on colorectal cancer to include sessions on the mandated guidelines-driven cancer screenings seen in quality measures (colorectal, cervical, and breast cancer screenings) in addition to other issues related to cancer screening (e.g. prostate, lung, and skin cancer). Abstracts are due on January 3, 2013. | More information and submission form available [here](#).

Public Health Foundation's Community Guide Contest

The Public Health Foundation's (PHF) 2013 [I'm Your Community Guide! Contest](#) is open for entries. Public health organizations are encouraged to share their successes with [The Guide to Community Preventive Services \(The Community Guide\)](#) for a chance to win a conference scholarship and other prizes. State, tribal, local, and territorial health departments; community health coalitions; and other organizations that have used or are currently using findings and recommendations outlined in *The Community Guide* are urged to submit their stories or testimonials for contest consideration to communications@phf.org through January 31, 2013.

Other Resources and Opportunities

Quitline Iowa Web Training for Health Providers & Educators

An online training tool is now available for health providers and educators to learn about a variety of tobacco cessation tools and resources from Quitline Iowa. Participants will learn how to use the 'Brief Tobacco Intervention' with patients, how to refer patients to the Quitline, and describe FDA-approved pharmacotherapy that may help patients stop using tobacco. Training may be taken at the participant's convenience. FREE | One hour of CME credit is available. | Register at www.iatobaccointervention.org.

2011 Iowa BRFSS Annual Report

The 2011 Iowa Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) Annual Report is now available. Read the report [here](#).

2012 CPEN Webinars Available for Purchase

The Cancer Patient Education Network (CPEN) is pleased to announce the 2012 Professional Development webinars are now available online. Available webinars are Assessing Health Literacy Levels in Patient Education Materials and Useful Tools for Patient Education and Exploring Ways to Educate Patients Using Social Media.

Cost per webinar is \$15 for CPEN members or \$25 for non-members. | [Learn more, or purchase the webinars....](#)

Upcoming ICC Meetings & Events

Webinar: Policy, Systems & Environmental Change | Dec. 13th | 12-1 p.m. | [More info...](#)

ICC Implementation Group Leadership Call | Jan. 7th | 10:30-11:30 a.m. | [More info...](#)

Board of Directors Meeting/Annual Meeting | Jan. 9th | 10 a.m.-2 p.m. | [More info...](#)

The mission of the Iowa Cancer Consortium is to reduce cancer incidence and mortality in Iowa through collaborative efforts that provide services and programs directed toward comprehensive cancer prevention and control.

The ICC welcomes membership from all individuals and organizations interested in reducing the burden of cancer in Iowa. Visit <http://canceriowa.org/Membership.aspx> for membership information. Scholarships are available.

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