



2023
Annual Report

Kevin Cullen, MD, Chair

Overview and 2023 Council Activities

History

The Maryland State Council on Cancer Control (the Council) is a 25-member body appointed by the Governor. Members represent State agencies involved in cancer screening, prevention, and treatment services, as well as the general public, major academic medical institutions in Maryland's cancer community, national organizations, the business community, and health and scientific disciplines concerned with cancer control. In addition, several members of the Council are cancer survivors, one is a member of the Maryland State Senate, and one is a member of the Maryland House of Delegates. The Council was established by Executive Order 01.01.1991.22 on June 26, 1991. The mission of the Council was reaffirmed with updated Executive Orders in 1997 (01.01.1997.07), 2002 (01.01.2002.25), and 2016 (01.01.2016.12).

Council Mission

The Council advises the Governor, other government officials, public and private organizations, and the general public on existing and potential policies, programs, and innovations to reduce and control cancer incidence and mortality among Marylanders, as described in the Maryland Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan. In cooperation with federal, State, and local governments, private organizations and academia, the Council is also charged with promoting and coordinating unified programs that identify and address the cancer care needs of Marylanders. Programs include public and private partnerships to improve access to prevention, screening, and treatment services. Additionally, the scope of the Council includes promoting and guiding the use of the Maryland Cancer Registry as a tool for research, planning, evaluation, and targeting of cancer control programs, as well as furthering the development of the Maryland Cancer Registry through the Cancer Registry Advisory Committee. Finally, the Council is charged with reviewing existing and planned cancer programs in the public and private sectors to ensure proper allocation of State resources.

Current Council Chair

The Council is chaired by Dr. Kevin Cullen, Director of the University of Maryland Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Comprehensive Cancer Center. Dr. Cullen, who specializes in head and neck cancer, is also a Professor of Medicine at the University of Maryland School of Medicine and is head of its Oncology program. He joined the University of Maryland in January 2004.

A graduate of Dartmouth College and Harvard Medical School, Dr. Cullen completed his internship and residency at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts and received additional training at the National Cancer Institute (NCI). He served as the Interim Director of the Lombardi Cancer Center at Georgetown University from October 2000 to September 2002 and was Professor of Medicine, Oncology, and Otolaryngology at the Georgetown University School of Medicine. Dr. Cullen's research interests include cellular factors that promote the growth of cancer and molecular mechanisms that make some cancers resistant to treatment with chemotherapy. He is the author of numerous journal publications and has served on review panels for the NCI, the Veterans Administration Research Program, and other organizations. His honors include a special achievement award from the NCI and a 2011 appointment by President Obama to the National Cancer Advisory Board. Outside of the University of Maryland, Dr. Cullen serves on the external advisory boards of several NCI-designated cancer centers and is an

immediate past chair of the American Cancer Society Board of Directors, having served as a member of the board since 2009.

Membership

A complete list of current Council members is included in Appendix A. During 2023, there were three membership terminations and one appointment to the Council. Membership changes are detailed below:

Membership Terminations in 2023:

- Megan Solinger – Ulman Foundation
- Donna Gugel – Maryland Department of Health designee
- Mark Mank – Maryland Department of the Environment designee

Membership Appointment in 2023:

- Pamela Williams – Maryland Department of Health designee

2023 Activities and Accomplishments

Council Meetings

In 2023, the Council met as a full committee on January 20, May 19, and September 15. The Council's Abeloff Award Subcommittee met on September 27, 2023. In addition, an advisory committee of the Council, the Cancer Registry Advisory Committee, met two times. Council meetings consisted of discussions on Council objectives, implementation of the Maryland Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan, cancer-related legislation, updates from the Cancer Registry Advisory Committee, and planning for the 30th Annual Maryland State Council on Cancer Control Cancer Conference.

Martin D. Abeloff Award for Excellence in Public Health and Cancer Control

In 2023, the Council formed a subcommittee to identify nominations and select the winner of the 2023 Martin D. Abeloff Award (the Abeloff Award) to be presented at the 30th Annual Maryland State Council on Cancer Control Cancer Conference. The Abeloff Award recognizes individuals who have made substantial contributions to cancer control in Maryland, and has been presented to notable Marylanders for more than a decade. The award is named for Dr. Martin Abeloff, a longtime member of the Council who succumbed to leukemia in 2007. Dr. Abeloff was a renowned medical oncologist and researcher, and was compassionate as well as devoted to his patients, colleagues, and public service.

In 2023, the subcommittee selected Donna Gugel, former Director of the Prevention and Health Promotion Administration at the Maryland Department of Health, for the award in recognition of her collaborative leadership to reduce the burden of cancer in Maryland.

30th Annual Maryland State Council on Cancer Control Cancer Conference

The Council held the 30th Annual Maryland State Council on Cancer Control Cancer Conference virtually on November 9, 2023. There were 186 participants in this virtual conference. Presentations included *Promoting Policies that Support Health Equity*, *The Challenges of Demographic Successes: Implications of an Aging Population for Cancer*, *Implementation Science at the Nexus of Cancer Control and Health Equity*, *The Role of Pharmacy in the Primary*

Care Environment: Emphasis on Care of the Cancer Patient, and updates from the National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Centers in Maryland.

The conference agenda is included in Appendix B, and conference materials can be accessed online on the Maryland Department of Health website.

Cancer Registry Advisory Committee

The Cancer Registry Advisory Committee met on September 14, 2023, and is currently chaired by Council member Robin Yabroff, PhD, MBA. Meeting topics included issues and updates surrounding Maryland Cancer Registry quality assurance and data management activities, data use and dissemination, data submission, data use policy and procedures, Maryland Cancer Registry regulations, and cancer research and surveillance activities. The Cancer Registry Advisory Committee chair reported activities at each of the scheduled Council meetings.

Maryland Cancer Collaborative

The Council supported the Maryland Cancer Collaborative (the Collaborative) in implementing priority strategies selected from the 2021-2025 Maryland Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan. Several Council members actively participated in the Collaborative's workgroups. The 2021-2025 Maryland Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan is available online. .

Anticipated Activities for 2024

Moving forward, the Council plans to continue its activities during this year as outlined below:

- Hold three full Council meetings, as well as additional subcommittee meetings on an as-needed basis, to discuss progress on Council activities and other issues, including Council objectives and cancer-related legislation;
- Select a recipient for the 2024 Public Health Award;
- Plan and hold the 31st Annual Maryland State Council on Cancer Control Cancer Conference; and
- Continue participating in the Maryland Cancer Collaborative to implement goals, objectives, and strategies from the Maryland Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan.

Appendix A
Maryland State Council on Cancer Control Members - 2023

Kevin Cullen, MD - CHAIR

Director, University of Maryland Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Comprehensive Cancer Center

Roopa Biswas, PhD

Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences

Otis Brawley, MD, MACP, FASCO, FACE

Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Paul Celano, MD, FACP, FASCO

Greater Baltimore Medical Center

Kathleen Connors-Juras

American Cancer Society

Stacy Giles, MBA

TidalHealth Cancer Services

Roger Harrell, MHA

Health Officer, Dorchester County Health Department

Matthew G. Hjortsberg, Esq.

Past Chair, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Board of Trustees, Maryland Chapter and Cancer Advocate

Miranda R. Jones, PhD

Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Cheryl Knott, PhD

University of Maryland at Baltimore

Clarence Lam, MD, MPH

Maryland Senate

Nicholas C. Lambrou, MD, FACOG, FACS

Anne Arundel Medical Center/Doctors Community Medical Center

Carol LaMere, RN

Ascension Saint Agnes Hospital Cancer Institute

Dina G. Lansey, MSN, RN

Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins

Mark Mank, MS (until September 2023)

Maryland Department of the Environment

Tasha Museles

The Children's Cancer Foundation, Inc.

Victoria L. Nefflen

Cancer Survivor

William Nelson, MD, PhD

Director, Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins

Paul B. Rothman, MD

Chief Executive Officer, Johns Hopkins Medicine

Sheree Sample-Hughes, MS

Maryland House of Delegates

Khrystin Shanklin

Cancer Survivor

Megan Solinger, MHS, MA, OPN-CG (until September 2023)

Ulman Foundation

Susanne Tameris, MHA

Luminis Health

Pamela Williams, MHA (beginning November 2023)

Maryland Department of Health

Robin Yabroff, PhD, MBA

American Cancer Society

Appendix B



The 30th Annual Maryland State Council on Cancer Control Cancer Conference

Thursday, November 9, 2023

- 9:10 – 9:15** **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Kevin Cullen, MD, Chair, Maryland State Council on Cancer Control
- 9:15 – 10:00** **Promoting Policies that Support Health Equity**
Keshia Pollack Porter, PhD, Chair, Department of Health Policy and Management, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
- 10:00 – 10:45** **The Challenges of Demographic Successes: Implications of an Aging Population for Cancer**
Heide Jackson, PhD, MPH, Director, Scientific and Technical Core, Associate Research Professor, Maryland Population Research Center, University of Maryland
- 10:45 – 11:30** **Implementation Science at the Nexus of Cancer Control and Health Equity**
Kassandra Alcaraz, PhD, MPH, Assistant Professor of Oncology and Epidemiology, Assistant Director for Health Equity, Co-Lead for Implementation and Behavioral Science, Johns Hopkins Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center
- 11:30 – 11:45** **Abeloff Award**
Kevin Cullen, MD, Chair, Maryland State Council on Cancer Control
- 11:45 – 12:15** **Break**
- 12:15 – 12:45** **Comprehensive Cancer Centers in Maryland: Updates**

University of Maryland Greenebaum Comprehensive Cancer Center Updates
Kevin Cullen, MD, University of Maryland Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Comprehensive Cancer Center

New Approaches to Cancer Interception and Treatment

William Nelson, MD, Johns Hopkins Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center

12:45 – 1:30

The Role of Pharmacy in the Primary Care Environment: Emphasis on Care of the Cancer Patient

Marie-Therese Oyalowo, PharmD, BCOP, RN, Professor & Drug Information Director, University of Maryland Eastern Shore School of Pharmacy and Health Professions, and Hoai-An Truong, PharmD, MPH, FAPhA, FNAP, Professor and Director of Public Health, University of Maryland Eastern Shore School of Pharmacy & Health Professions

1:30 – 1:45

Closing Remarks