

Meeting Minutes
TEXAS CANCER COUNCIL
Thompson Auditorium, 1st Floor, Texas Medical Association
401 W. 15th St., Austin, Texas
February 18, 2005, 9 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Dannenbaum, who also announced that a quorum was present.

Those present: Mr. Jim Dannenbaum, Dr. Donald Spencer, Ms. Ruby Henderson, Ms. Diane Barber, Ms. Debra Stabeno, Dr. Karen Heusinkveld, Ms. Karen Bonner, Dr. Sylvia Fernandez, Dr. Carolyn Harvey, Dr. J. Taylor Wharton, and Dr. Clare Buie Chaney. Mr. Dannenbaum announced requests for excused absences from Drs. Croft, Herrera, and Townsend. Motion by Dr. Heusinkveld to adopt excused absences, second by Dr. Spencer, none opposed. Motion carried.

Mr. Dannenbaum announced the following visitors: Pattiann Auerbach of NOEP, Dr. Carol Rice of the Cooperative Extension, Rebecca Miller of STOPN, Tanya Skaarup of POEP, Grady Basler of DOEP, Juanita Salinas of DSHS, Melissa Juarez of the OAG, and Ginger Cook of Funding Solutions. TCC staff present: Sandra Balderrama, Jane Osmond, Michelle Huddleston, Lisa Nelson, Yvette Jimenez, and Jodie Smith.

Mr. Dannenbaum introduced the minutes from the December 9, 2004 Council meeting. Dr. Fernandez noted that the spelling of her name should be corrected from Hernandez. Motion by Dr. Wharton to approve the minutes, second by Ms. Bonner. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Balderrama spoke on the following:

- Mr. Dannenbaum's Proclamation—He was named Engineer of the Year and a resolution has been offered in the Legislature to honor him. Ms. Balderrama read part of it to the Board and congratulated him.
- *Texas Cancer Plan 5th Edition*—Ms. Balderrama highlighted the document and how proud the Council is of it. We are in the dissemination phase and are working on the database to get it correctly distributed. Ms. Balderrama is hand-delivering it to legislators; she's distributed it to 2/3 of legislators already. She's had positive feedback on it. We are working on a companion brochure that has an executive summary.
- Legislative Activities—Ms. Balderrama has been very involved in the legislative session so far. The Council has had two Senate hearings, a House hearing and workgroup meeting. There are no issues of great concern except the FTE cap. The LBB recommended lowering it to 6, though the House subcommittee supports leaving it at 8, and she hopes the Senate will confer. The LBB's recommendation for the license plate fund is that all of the available funds be appropriated in FY06, which is approximately \$40,000 in FY06. The other main LBB recommendation is that TCC offices move into state space next fall when our current lease is up.

- Texas Action for Healthy Kids Alliance (TAHKA) and Zerobesity –Ms. Smith gave the Board information about these two initiatives. Mr. Dannenbaum requested a line-item of the Zerobesity budget to see the various components of the pilot budget. \$14 million is too much for Council, but the Council could possibly make some contribution to a specific component. Dr. Harvey commented that no rural communities are present in the sample and that the model would certainly be different in a rural community. Dr. Harvey noted concern about staff being overextended in support of these initiatives.

Cancer Registry Improvement Workgroup Update

Mr. Dannenbaum noted that DSHS has asked for an exceptional item in its budget this legislative session to fully fund the Registry to reach the Gold Standard. Dr. Spencer reported that the workgroup has completed its work. Dr. Billy Philips compiled the recommendations and met with Dr. Sanchez to communicate those. Dr. Harvey asked for a fact sheet to be able to talk with others about this. Dr. Philips is developing short talking points on this, and Dr. Spencer agreed with the suggestion that Dr. Philips should distribute it to all Board members.

TCC Rule Revision 25 TAC §§701.2 and 701.21

Dr. Harvey made a motion to adopt the amendments to 25 TAC sections 701.2 with changes and 701.21, as published in the December 24, 2004, issue of the *Texas Register*, in accordance with the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act. Second by Dr. Heusinkveld, none opposed, motion carried.

Project Presentation

Dr. Rice spoke about the two TCC-funded programs for which she is project director, the cancer prevention program and the Northwest Texas tobacco prevention program. She took questions from the Board about the Towards No Tobacco curriculum, cost, how it is used, etc. Mr. Dannenbaum recommended connecting with the statewide PTA about funding the purchase of TNT in more schools.

FY 2005 Budget and Performance

- Quarterly Report of Grants Pursued—Ms. Smith
- FY 2005 Performance Report: 1st Quarter—Ms. Smith
- FY 2005 Expenditure Report—Ms. Huddleston
- FY 2005 Contract Expenditure Report—Ms. Huddleston
- Budget Transfer for GENaustin
Motion by Dr. Spencer to authorize the Executive Director to approve the budget transfer of \$6,200 for GENaustin to further their project goals. Second by Ms. Bonner. None opposed, motion carried.
- Approval of Cancer Services Funds for Additional *Texas Cancer Plans*
Motion by Dr. Heusinkveld to authorize the Executive Director to approve an amendment with the *Texas Cancer Plan* update project not to exceed \$20,000 from Cancer Services for expenses related to printing additional copies of the *Texas Cancer Plan* and toolkit. Second by Dr. Fernandez. None opposed, motion carried.

FY 2005 Programmatic Issues

Contract Management Committee report

- **FY 2006 Special Instructions & Funding Caps**
Dr. Spencer talked through the funding caps for all programs. Dr. Spencer moved to approve funding caps and special instructions for the programs scheduled for continuation in FY 2006. Second by Dr. Wharton. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Spencer moved to allow the Texans Conquer Cancer License Plate Advisory Committee to make recommendations for expending all License Plate funds appropriated by the Legislature for FY06. Second by Dr. Wharton. None opposed, motion carried.

- **New Applications:**

UT School of Public Health at Brownsville

Dr. Spencer described the components of this program. Motion by Dr. Spencer to fund at \$66,150 and allow the project to apply for FY2006 funding. Second by Ms. Bonner. Mr. Dannenbaum asked Ms. Balderrama to make sure that the Higher Education Coordinating Board's processes and preferences are taken into account so that resources are not wasted in developing a degree program that the Coordinating Board would not approve. He noted that Laurie Bricker is a Houston appointee to the Board, as a contact. Dr. Heusinkveld asked Ms. Balderrama to check with the program about what research they have done on that issue already. None opposed, motion passed.

M.D. Anderson Cancer Center

Dr. Spencer discussed the history and components of this program. Motion by Dr. Spencer to fund at \$33,971 and allow the project to apply for FY2006 funding. Second by Ms. Henderson. None opposed, motion passed. Ms. Barber and Dr. Wharton abstained to avoid conflict of interest.

- **Contract Amendment requests:**

- **CancerTogether**

Dr. Spencer moved to request the project submit another proposal that is less costly. Second by Dr. Heusinkveld. None opposed, motion passed.

- **Spit Tobacco Prevention Network**

Dr. Spencer moved to fund at \$46,000 and allow the project to apply for additional funding in FY06 to continue to support this new coordinator. Second by Dr. Fernandez. None opposed, motion passed.

- **Harrington Cancer Center**

Dr. Spencer moved to fund at \$12,786 and allow the project to apply for additional funding in FY06 to continue this expanded service. This amendment is in response to a Council request to expand their existing program into the three communities being served by the Texas Cooperative Extension tobacco program. Second by Ms. Bonner. None opposed, motion passed.

- Longview Wellness, Inc.
Motion by Dr. Spencer to fund at \$3,175. This project will not be funded in FY06, so this is a one-time request. Second by Dr. Harvey. Mr. Dannenbaum asked about the value of FOBT versus colonoscopy, given new scientific information. Dr. Wharton advised that FOBTs are an adequate mass screening mechanism. Dr. Harvey also commented that this program primarily uses FOBT as one component of colorectal screening that also includes colonoscopies and securing donated colonoscopies from local physicians. None opposed, motion passed.
- oriGENal voice: GENaustin
Dr. Spencer described the activities proposed by this project in its amendment. Motion by Dr. Spencer to fund at \$15,969. Second by Ms. Henderson. None opposed, motion passed.
- Cancer Nutrition Network for Texans
Dr. Spencer moved to fund at \$8,336. Second by Ms. Henderson. None opposed, motion passed.
- Planned Parenthood
Dr. Spencer described the two main components of this program: funding of case managers and purchasing colposcopy equipment. Dr. Spencer moved to fund at \$15,393 (requested funding minus amount for colposcopy equipment). Their current program is a caregiver program and the case managers are germane to the project's mission, though screening equipment is not germane to the caregiver program. Ms. Barber seconded. Mr. Dannenbaum asked staff to make sure that Planned Parenthood staff checked on the availability of screening equipment in Hidalgo County from a retiring physician there. None opposed, motion passed.
- Physician Oncology Education Program
Dr. Spencer described the components of the request. He commented that:
 - It is not usual or customary that psychiatrists be considered primary care physicians, and
 - If a psychiatrist identifies a problem, he or she would refer to an appropriate specialist.

Dr. Spencer moved that the Council not fund this proposal. Second by Ms. Bonner. Comments by Ms. Barber in support of the motion. Dr. Heusinkveld commented that the proposed survey would duplicate information already cited in the proposal itself. Dr. Chaney questioned why psychiatrists would be targeted as opposed to other specialties. Ms. Bonner commented that psychiatrists do serve as primary care physician for a very small group of mostly severely psychotic patients. Dr. Wharton indicated his agreement with the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

- Nurse Oncology Education Program
Dr. Spencer moved to fund at \$7,660. Second by Dr. Fernandez. He read a breakdown of the budget as related to the various activities. Ms. Huddleston answered Mr. Dannenbaum's questions about the allowability of speaker fees being reimbursed by TCC in the affirmative. None opposed, motion carried.

- Colon Cancer Awareness Initiative
Dr. Spencer noted that hospital acquisition and reorganization at the Paris Hospital has resulted in this program requesting a reduction in its funding since it cannot now meet its contractual obligations. Dr. Spencer moved to reduce the contract award for the Colon Cancer Awareness Initiative at Paris Regional Medical Center from \$61,444 to \$31,015. Second by Dr. Harvey. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Fernandez discussed her recent contact with former Board member, Ajay Castro. There was no public comment. Mr. Dannenbaum moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Dr. Spencer. None opposed, motion passed.

Signature

Date