



January 4, 2019

The Honorable Larry Hogan
Governor
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

Dear Governor Hogan:

Pursuant to Executive Order 01.01.2016.12 (2016) and on behalf of the members of the Maryland State Council on Cancer Control (the Council), I am pleased to submit the Council's 2018 Annual Report to you.

During 2018, the Council continued to carry out its mission by holding three full Council meetings and one subcommittee meeting. On November 14, 2018, the Council held the 25th Annual Maryland State Council on Cancer Control Cancer Conference. This successful event was attended by 255 people and was the direct result of the hard work and dedication of Council members and staff.

In 2019, the Council will continue to use evidence-based research as the foundation for its activities and recommendations for cancer control programs and policies.

The Council looks forward to continuing to build a strong relationship with your office, the Maryland Department of Health, and community organizations, so that we may all contribute in the fight against cancer in Maryland.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Dr. Ken Lin Tai, Director of the Center for Cancer Prevention and Control at the Maryland Department of Health, at 410-767-2036.

Sincerely,

Kevin Cullen, MD
Chair, Maryland State Council on Cancer Control



2018

Annual Report

Kevin Cullen, MD, Chair

Overview and 2018 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, at least one member of the Council is a cancer survivor, 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 presently serves as 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 2018, seven Council members' second terms ended and 12 new members were appointed to the Council. Membership changes are detailed below:

Memberships Terminating in 2018:

- Stanley Watkins, MD – Anne Arundel Medical Center
- Mary Garza, PhD, MPH – University of Maryland School of Public Health
- Diane Couchman, RN – Calvert Memorial Hospital
- Artie Shelton, MD – Us TOO International Prostate Health and Education Network
- Yale Stenzler, EdD – Oral cancer survivor
- Kala Visvanathan, MBBS, FRACP, MHS – Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
- Brock Yetso – Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults

Memberships Beginning in 2018:

- Biana Arentz - Cancer survivor
- David Bennett - Brain cancer advocate
- Arun Bhandari, MD - Chesapeake Oncology Hematology Associates
- Liza Fues, JD - George Washington Cancer Center
- Dominique Haynes, MHA, RN, OCN, CPHQ - Adventist HealthCare
- Kathleen Hoke, JD - University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law; Cancer survivor
- Ben Kosewski, MS, MBA - Executive Director, Cancer Services at Western Maryland Health System Schwab Family Cancer Center
- Tiffany Mathis - The Journey Continues; Cancer survivor
- Christine Miller, MS, LCPC - Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults
- Elizabeth Platz, ScD, MPH - Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
- Eden Strotsky-Himelfarb, BSN, RN - Johns Hopkins Medicine; Cancer survivor
- Michele Walsh, JD - Cancer survivor

2018 Activities and Accomplishments

Council Meetings

In 2018, the Council met as a full committee on January 26, May 18, and September 21. One subcommittee of the Council, the Abeloff Award Subcommittee, met on October 17, 2018. In addition, an advisory committee of the Council, the Cancer Registry Advisory Committee, met on April 19, 2018 and October 4, 2018. 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 25th

Annual Maryland State Council on Cancer Control Cancer Conference (Annual Cancer Control Conference).

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

In 2018, the Council sent out a call for nominations for the 2018 Martin D. Abeloff Award (the Abeloff Award) to be presented at the 25th Annual Cancer Control Conference. The Abeloff Award recognizes individuals who have made substantial contributions to cancer control in Maryland and has been presented to notable Marylanders for the last 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. The Council solicits nominations from individuals and organizations across the State for people who have made outstanding contributions to cancer control. The Abeloff Award Subcommittee then reviews the nominations and selects the recipient. This year, Dr. Otis Brawley was selected for the award, in honor of his many accomplishments as a leader in the field of cancer prevention and control. In his role as Chief Medical Officer at the American Cancer Society, Dr. Brawley is responsible for promoting the goals of cancer prevention, early detection, and quality treatment through cancer research and education. He champions efforts such as cancer prevention, early detection of cancer, and the provision of critical support to cancer patients. He also guides efforts to enhance the American Cancer Society's advocacy capacity, research programs, and community cancer control efforts in areas where they will be most effective. His complete biography is included in Appendix B.

25th Annual Maryland State Council on Cancer Control Cancer Conference

The 25th Annual Cancer Control Conference was held on November 14, 2018. The conference was sponsored by the Anne Arundel Medical Center DeCesaris Cancer Institute, the University of Maryland Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Comprehensive Cancer Center, the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins, the American Cancer Society, and the Peninsula Regional Health System. A total of 255 people attended this day-long conference. Presentation topics included the opioid crisis and its effect on cancer patients, fatigability and cancer, updates on the implementation of the Maryland Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan, updates from comprehensive cancer centers in Maryland, increasing colorectal cancer screening in Asian Americans, and the American Cancer Society Blueprint for Cancer Control in the 21st Century. The conference agenda is included in Appendix C, and conference materials can be accessed at https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/cancer/Pages/sccc_home.aspx.

Cancer Registry Advisory Committee

The Cancer Registry Advisory Committee met on April 19, 2018 and October 4, 2018, and is currently chaired by Council member Elizabeth Platz, ScD, MPH. 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 2016-2020 Maryland Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan.

Several Council members actively participated in Collaborative workgroups, and one Council member served as the Council liaison on the Collaborative's steering committee. The 2016-2020 Maryland Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan is available at <http://phpa.health.maryland.gov/cancer/cancerplan/Pages/publications.aspx>.

Anticipated Activities for 2019

Moving forward, the Council plans to continue its activities during the next 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 as well as other issues, including Council objectives and cancer-related legislation;
- Select a recipient for the 2019 Martin D. Abeloff Award for Excellence in Public Health and Cancer Control;
- Plan and hold the 26th Annual Maryland State Council on Cancer Control Cancer Conference; and
- Continue participation 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 - 2018

Kevin Cullen, MD - CHAIR

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

Biana Arentz

Cancer Survivor

David Bennett

Brain Cancer Advocate

Arun Bhandari, MD

Chesapeake Oncology Hematology Associates

Kathleen Connors-Juras

American Cancer Society

Catherine Fenwick, RN, BSN

MedStar St. Mary's Hospital

Liza Fues, JD

George Washington Cancer Center

Stephanie Cooper Greenberg

Erwin & Stephanie Greenberg Foundation

Donna Gugel, MHS

Maryland Department of Health

Roger Harrell, MHA

Health Officer, Dorchester County Health
Department

**Dominique Haynes, MHA, RN, OCN,
CPHQ**

Adventist HealthCare

Kathleen Hoke, JD

University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of
Law; Cancer Survivor

Ben Kosewski, MS, MBA

Executive Director, Cancer Services at Western
Maryland Health System Schwab Family Cancer
Center

Mark Mank, MS

Maryland Department of the Environment

Tiffany Mathis

The Journey Continues; Cancer Survivor

Christine Miller, MS, LCPC

Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults

Joan Mischtschuk, RN, MS

Peninsula Regional Medical Center

Senator Anthony Muse

Maryland Senate

William Nelson, MD

Director, Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer
Center at Johns Hopkins

Jay A. Perman, MD

(Alternate: Kevin Kelly)

President, University of Maryland at Baltimore

Elizabeth Platz, ScD, MPH

Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Paul B. Rothman, MD

CEO, Johns Hopkins Medicine

Delegate Sheree Sample-Hughes

Maryland House of Delegates

Eden Strotsky-Himelfarb, BSN, RN

Johns Hopkins Medicine; Cancer Survivor

Michele Walsh, JD

Cancer Survivor

Appendix B

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

2018 Recipient – Otis W. Brawley, MD, MACP, FASCO, FACE



Otis W. Brawley, MD, MACP, FASCO, FACE, chief medical and scientific officer for the American Cancer Society, is responsible for promoting the goals of cancer prevention, early detection, and quality treatment through cancer research and education. He champions efforts to decrease smoking, improve diet, and provide the critical support cancer patients need. He also guides efforts to enhance and focus the American Cancer Society research program, upgrade their advocacy capacity, and concentrate community cancer control efforts in areas where they will be most effective. Further, as an acknowledged global leader in the field of health disparities research, Dr. Brawley is a key leader in the American Cancer Society's work to eliminate disparities in access to quality cancer care.

Dr. Brawley currently serves as professor of hematology, oncology, medicine, and epidemiology at Emory University. From April 2001 to November 2007, he was director of the Georgia Cancer Center at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, and deputy director for cancer control at the Winship Cancer Institute at Emory University. He filled a variety of capacities at the National Cancer Institute, most recently serving as assistant director. Among numerous awards, he was a Georgia Cancer Coalition Scholar and received the Key to St. Bernard Parish as well as the US Public Health Service Meritorious Service Medal for his work as a PHS Commissioned Officer in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. He is also a recipient of the US Department of Defense Uniformed Services University Distinguished Service Award for his contributions to military medical education.

He is a Fellow of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, a Fellow of the American College of Epidemiology, and one of fewer than 1,400 physicians to be named a Master of the American College of Physicians in its more than 100-year history. Dr. Brawley is also an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine.

Dr. Brawley is a graduate of University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine. He completed an internal medicine residency at University Hospitals of Cleveland, Case Western Reserve University, and a fellowship in medical oncology at the National Cancer Institute. He is board certified in internal medicine and medical oncology.

Appendix C



**The 25th Annual Maryland State Council on Cancer Control
Cancer Conference**

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Anne Arundel Medical Center, Doordan Institute, 7th Floor, Belcher Pavilion
2000 Medical Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401

- 8:00 – 8:45** **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 8:45 – 9:10** **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Frances B. Phillips, RN, MHA, Deputy Secretary, Public Health Services
Ken Lin Tai, MD, MPH, Director, Center for Cancer Prevention and Control,
Maryland Department of Health
Kevin Cullen, MD, Chair, Maryland State Council on Cancer Control
- 9:10 – 9:30** **25 Years of Cancer Control Accomplishments in Maryland**
Courtney McFadden, MPH, Deputy Director, Prevention and Health Promotion
Administration, Maryland Department of Health
- 9:30 – 10:15** **The Opioid Crisis and Its Effect on Pain Management for Cancer Patients**
G. Caleb Alexander, MD, MS, Associate Professor, Co-Director of the Center
for Drug Safety and Effectiveness, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public
Health
- 10:15 – 10:30** **Break**
- 10:30 – 11:15** **Fatigability and Cancer: What Is It? How Do We Measure It? What Are the
Causes and Potential Interventions?**
Jennifer Schrack, PhD, MS, Associate Professor, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg
School of Public Health
- 11:15 – 11:30** **Maryland Cancer Collaborative and Future Cancer Plan Implementation**
Niharika Khanna, MD, MBBS, DGO, Chair, Maryland Cancer Collaborative

- 11:30 – 12:00** **Awards Ceremony**
Cancer Council Service Awards and Martin D. Abeloff Award Presentation
Kevin Cullen, MD, Chair, Maryland State Council on Cancer Control
- 12:00 – 1:00** **Networking Lunch**
- 1:00 – 1:30** **Comprehensive Cancer Centers in Maryland: Updates**
Aaron Rapoport, MD, University of Maryland Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum
Comprehensive Cancer Center
William Nelson, MD, PhD, Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at
Johns Hopkins
- 1:30 – 2:00** **Increasing Colorectal Cancer Screening in Asian Americans**
Sunmin Lee, ScD, MPH, Professor, University of Maryland School of Public
Health
- 2:00 – 2:45** **Cancer Screening and Prevention (2035 Cancer Goals)**
Kevin Cullen, MD, Chair, American Cancer Society Board of Directors
- 2:45 – 3:00** **Closing Remarks**
Kevin Cullen, MD, Chair, Maryland State Council on Cancer Control

Thank you to our generous conference sponsors

