



**Southeast Florida Cancer  
Control Collaborative**  
One Community Fighting Cancer

**Steering Committee Conference Call Meeting**  
**Wednesday, August 26, 2020**  
**10:00 a.m. –11:00 a.m.**

**Zoom Meeting:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85304260233>

**Attendees:**

Dr. Marie Etienne, Maray Salina, Chris Varela, Cara Kondaki, Dinah Trevil, Leonor Pupo, Tenesha Avent

**Welcome:**

SFCCC Co-Chair, Dr. Marie Etienne and Maray Salina greeted the members to the SFCCC Steering Committee meeting.

**Workgroup Updates:**

SFCCC Workgroup updates were provided are as follows:

**A. Synergy and Networking/Membership Work Group**

Synergy and Networking/Membership Work Group Leader Leonor Pupo noted the work group will plan a meeting in the coming days but welcomed input from the Committee regarding goals the Work Group can discuss. The Committee reviewed the Goals at a Glance Florida State Cancer Plan document. SFCCC Co-Chair Dr. Etienne suggested the work group include goals 16, 17, and 21 for the Work Group to consider discussing in their next work meeting. Co-Chair Leonor Pupo discussed the American Cancer Society's upcoming Policy Forum. Ms. Pupo will provide further details to the Committee in the coming days.

**B. Risk Reduction Work Group**

Risk Reduction Work Group Leader Dinah Trevil discussed the meeting the work group completed with the Department of Health Tobacco Cessation Department. Ms. Trevil noted the meeting was very productive. To increase participation among work group members, Dr. Etienne suggested making phone calls to the work group members to re-engage their participation. SFCCC Co-Chair Maray Salina suggested putting the Strategic Plan in a table format. Dr. Etienne suggested the work group discuss goals 8 and 18 during in their next work group meeting.

**C. Disparities Work Group**

Chris Varela, Disparities Work Group leader, noted due to challenges and increased responsibilities in response to the COVID-19 virus, the Disparities Work Group has not been able to schedule a meeting but will schedule a meeting in the coming days. Mr. Varela stated the work group will focus on getting centers back to conducting regular screenings for the community. He agreed with the idea of bringing in the Department of Health take a more active role in accomplishing goals in the Florida Cancer Plan. Ms. Salina shared Memorial Healthcare System has seen a decrease in cancer diagnosis compared to the previous year. There is a major concern that decreased screenings can lead to an increase in late stage cancer diagnosis. Committee members discussed how safety concerns due to COVID-19 has cause a decrease in cancer screenings and then may also lead to more acute cases and metastatic cases. Dr. Etienne suggested the work group discuss goals 3, 4, and 12 during in their next work group meeting.

#### **D. Survivorship and Quality of Life Work Group**

Survivorship and Quality of Life Work Group leader Cara Kondaki requested feedback from the Committee regarding conducting the Survivorship Symposium virtually. Maray offered to assist with speakers for the symposium. The Committee discussed having the symposium in November during Lung Cancer Awareness Month. The SFCCC Coordinator will check into the available Zoom functions to determine the work group will be able to have break-out sessions during the symposium. Dr. Etienne suggested the work group discuss goals 16 and 17 during in their next work group meeting.

#### **New Business:**

- A. What barriers/obstacles are being encountered by cancer patients as they continue cancer services?
  - a. The types of barriers/obstacles the Committee has encountered are lack of screening and diagnosis, increase in acute cases, and an increase of patients without insurance.
- B. Webinar Series
  - a. Alcohol, Smoking Cessation, Fresh Food and Sedentary Lifestyles
    - i. The Committee decided it would be best to focus on one or two topics such as fitness and nutrition and alcohol and smoking cessation. Each presentation will be no more than 1 hour with 2 presenters. The presentations will be something fun and relevant. The Committee also felt the topic COVID-19 as it relates to Cancer Care is extremely important for patients and their families.
- C. Recruitment of New Partners
  - a. All Committee members agreed Students Working Against Tobacco, Department of Health Breast and Cervical Cancer Group and the Department of Health Immunization are all very important partners to bring to the table.

#### **Announcements:**

1. The September Quarterly Meeting will be on September 22 from 8:30am-10am. Dr. Rejtman from Memorial Healthcare System will present on Palliative Care. The Committee discussed the procedures to provide CEUs during the September Quarterly Meeting. Cara Kondaki suggested contacting the Florida Society of Oncology of Social Workers.
2. Partner Announcements
  - a. Dr. Marie Etienne- MDC/HAPC/HANA Humanitarian Medical Mission to Immokalee, Florida has been scheduled for October 23-27, 2020. Due to COVID-19, traveling has been placed on hold for students by MDC. However, HANA & HAPC will coordinate the mission to help the migrant workers and their families as planned.
  - b. SFCCC Co-Chairs-The members will be informed of the election process during the September Quarterly meeting.

#### **Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next Steering Committee meeting will be announced in the coming days.