

CCRAB Newsletter

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1. Florida Cancer Plan Breast Cancer Screening Goal

Our [2015-2020 Florida Cancer Plan](#) goal for breast cancer screening is to increase the percentage of women aged 50 to 74 who receive a mammogram in the last two years from 76.8% to 81.1% by 2020. We are excited to announce that we have crossed this threshold for the first time. According to the most recent Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) data, 81.6% of women in this age group received a mammogram in the past two years. This important accomplishment follows years of efforts by community groups, clinics, hospitals, cancer centers, the CDC, and the Mary Brogan Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program administered by the Florida Department of Health.

2. Florida Biomedical Research Program Grants for Cancer and Tobacco-Related Diseases

The Florida Department of Health has awarded a total of 25 projects worth \$18.2 million through the Bankhead-Coley Cancer Research Program (11), the James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program (9), and the Live Like Bella Pediatric Cancer Research Initiative (5). This continued support is necessary to achieve our Florida Cancer Plan goals. At the upcoming CCRAB meeting, we will discuss the details including the number of highly meritorious applications that were unfunded due to lack of funds. For more information, please see the following press releases: www.floridahealth.gov/newsroom/2018/02/022618-cancer-research-funding-2018.html
www.floridahealth.gov/newsroom/2018/03/030818-live-like-bella-2018.html

3. Constitution Revision Commission Update

Florida's Constitution Revision Commission (CRC) voted for 20 proposals grouped into 8 measures to be placed on the general election ballot this November. Each ballot measure must pass with at least 60-percent approval. Proposal 94 affecting Tobacco Free Florida was withdrawn due to compelling opposition and lack of support. The only remaining health-related proposal is Proposal 65, which would prohibit the use of vapor-generating electronic devices in enclosed indoor workplaces. More information about the 8 measures approved by the CRC can be found at: www.flcra.gov/Media/PressReleases/Show/1099

4. Next CCRAB Meeting: Friday, May 18, 2018 at Moffitt Cancer Center

The next CCRAB meeting will be held on Friday, May 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Moffitt McKinley Outpatient Center. Special guest presenter Kelly Sittig, Executive Director of the [Iowa Cancer Consortium](#), will share Iowa's comprehensive cancer control program, which includes a [2018-2022 Iowa State Cancer Plan](#) and measurable programs to achieve their objectives. Kelly's participation in our CCRAB meeting and presentation will directly impact our work in Florida to reduce our cancer burden.



Florida Cancer Control & Research Advisory Council

The Florida Cancer Control and Research Advisory Council (CCRAB) was established by the Florida Legislature in 1979 with the purpose of advising the Legislature, Governor, and Surgeon General on ways to reduce Florida's cancer burden. Dr. Christopher Cogle is the Chair of CCRAB, and Dr. Clement Gwede is the Vice Chair.