Department of Health Update

FCDS Annual Meeting
July 24, 2008

Cancer Registry (CR) Funding

- State Funding
  - Department of Health (DOH) anticipates a 4% reduction in general revenue (GR) received from the Florida Legislature – CR funding may be impacted

- Federal Funding
  - CDC-NPCR anticipates level funding at best

- University Funding
  - UMMSM in-kind contributions

Cancer Registry Advisory Committee

- Florida Cancer Plan Council (FCPC) serves as the advisory committee for the CR as of July 1, 2007
  - Membership of approximately 23 persons representing different “stakes” in cancer control and prevention efforts
  - Advisory committee met in November 2007
  - Reviewed registry operations for data collection, data quality, and data dissemination
  - Brainstormed on enhancements and better utilization of the FCDS
Florida Cancer Plan

- Focus on four (4) overall goals:
  1. A coordinated approach among public and private cancer control stakeholders to implement cancer activities statewide.
  2. Floridians practice the healthy behaviors associated with prevention of cancer.
  3. Floridians have access to appropriate health information and effective health services for the timely detection, diagnosis, and treatment of cancer.
  4. Floridians affected by cancer are aware of and have access to quality, appropriate services for quality of life, palliative care, and survivorship.

Cancer Registry Tallahassee “New” Staff

- Overall purpose of staff members are to analyze cancer registry data in addition to behavioral data, NAACCR data, hospital discharge data, and mortality data
  - Senior Biostatistician – Tammie Johnson, MPH
  - Statistical Analyst – Aruna Surendera Babu, MPH

Cancer Registry Data Dissemination

- Annual report series
  - Florida Annual Cancer Report: Incidence and Mortality
  - Florida Annual Morbidity Report
- Special topic reports (rolling out)
- Monographs (in development)
- Online data query
  - FCDS
  - CHARTS
- Academic/Research Institutions
Cancer Prevalence

- **2008 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) Survey Administration** includes four (4) state-added questions:
  1. **Have you ever been told by a doctor that you had cancer?**
  2. **What type or types of cancer have you had?**
  3. **At what age or in what year were you first told that you had cancer?**
  4. **At what age or in what year were you first told that you had cancer?** Secondary cancer

Final Thoughts…

- Cancer registries are the **marines and air force** in the fight against cancer. They provide ground-level information, yet give a birds-eye view of local cancer incidence.

- Great strides in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer can continue through communication and collaborative efforts.

Thank you

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