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### **Jo Daviess County Cancer Coalition Meeting Jo Daviess County Health Department Conference Room Monday, August 13, 2012 at 9:00 AM**

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

**Present:** Peggy Murphy, Sue Grommes, Connie Raisbeck, Libby Miller, Kim Barrett, JoAnn Hesselbacher, Lori Stangl, Bill Laity, Peg Dittmar,

**Absent:** Marc McCoy, Elaine Schlichting, Rudy Valdez, Lois Wiene-Knautz and Nicole Killion

#### **Old Business:**

Minutes from April 9, 2012 were reviewed by the members- Peg Dittmar made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Bill Laity. All in favor, motion passed.

Update on Health Department Cancer Coalition Grant from January 1 to September 29, 2012 – The grant requires that two Cancer Partnership meetings are attended and participation in one of the nine statewide cancer work groups which is done by conference calls. The work groups are: Access to Care, Data and Surveillance, Early Detection, Research and Clinical Trials, Resource Management, Community Imitative, Membership, Policy, and Primary Prevention. The grant award is \$8,000 and also requires three quarterly reports to say how the coalition is addressing the State cancer goals. The agency did receive half the grant award of \$4,000. Peg Murphy attended the Cancer Partnership in Springfield on March 20, 2012. The next meeting will be in Chicago on September 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. The existing State Cancer Plan was from 2005-2010 and is being updated to from 2011 – 2015. The revised plan is pending the new director of the Illinois Department of Public Health's approval.

Report on Jo Daviess County Relay for Life in June 2012 – Nicole was not at the meeting for the exact figures on how well the Relay for Life went. Peg Dittmar attended the Relay for Life which was held at the Elizabeth Community Building and surrounding park. She thought it went fairly well. Peg didn't know the dollar amount figure but enrollment was down from previous years. It's hard to get donations from people with the economy. The Trivial Pursuit game dominated the groups' walking. The dinner did fairly well. The park will be updated before next year's Relay for Life. Peg would like to see more churches groups and young kids involved. Libby informed us that the organization is working hard to get it to be a day event and not overnight. The evening stays busy but the overnight participation is dead. Kim states that there are other organizations that are also having walks as fundraisers and people are choosing which to participate in and donate to. Bill also stated we need to get the younger generation involved. Some of the people have been working on the Relay for Life for 25 – 30 years and are getting tired. Chemotherapy is easier to go through now than in the past. The date of the Relay for Life may be conflicting with graduations and parties.

## **New Business:**

Report from Kim Barrett of Midwest Medical Center on Lab Screening results for PSA tests for prostate cancer for men 45 and older – In comparison to last year, there were less men that received PSA testing. From January through June 2012, 129 men over the age of 45 attended the lab screening in which 61 received the PSA test. This calculates to 47% PSA testing on men who attended the lab screening.

Report from Connie Raisbeck of Well Women of NW Illinois for breast cancer screenings via mammography for women 40 to 64 years of age and pap smears for women 35-64 years of age- Connie talked about prioritizing; for example abnormal pap test would be first on the list. She is currently doing the paperwork for clients and when the money comes in, they will put them through. Connie shared three handouts to the coalition members. The first one was a comparison report on IBCCP Caseload and Total Funding for FY2012 and FY2013. The second was a four page Eligibility and Enrollment Guidelines. The third was Journey Beyond Cancer. The Cancer Survivor Educational Outreach Coalition has a series of three free seminars on topics of interest or concern to cancer survivors, family and friends.

Report from Nicole Killion from the American Cancer Society – Nicole was not able to attend today but left some booklets and pamphlets here last week for the coalition when she was the guest speaker for a staff meeting. Nicole covers nine counties and five of those counties are set up with the “Look Good Feel Good” program for women. Nicole shared with us at the staff meeting the free services the American Cancer Society provides. The agency can answer your questions about cancer, the specific type you have, treatment options, what your life will be like during treatments and will explain what clinical trials are. It is good to contact them at the onset of cancer to help you from the beginning and to also provide a packet on your particular type of cancer which explains it in detail; you can carry this packet with you to each of your doctor appointments. It has different sections in the packet, one for listing all of your medication, another for details of each of your doctor’s appointments; anything pertaining to your cancer treatment can be kept in one place. Other services they offer are transportation to your cancer treatments, a place to stay at a reduced rate if treatment is far from home, support with figuring out your medical bills and insurance, free wigs and hats to choose from, classes on how to deal with side effects during cancer treatment, answers to prescription questions, ways to deal with your medical costs if you don’t have insurance. They also will help you find support groups, other individuals who survived your kind of cancer, and also a support group for your family and caregiver. The Relay for Life also helps support these services.

Updated list of current members – Everyone received a list of current members. After reviewing, Susan noticed that two members were not included. The list will be updated and sent out to the coalition by email.

Other Items – Bill asked how the cancer survivor meetings were going. Peg Dittmar responded that she was not at the last two meetings, but at the previous meetings, the numbers have been small. Peg Dittmar works with the diabetic support group at the hospital and reports that it has been going good. They recently had two guest speakers; one was our Cancer Coalition member, Nicole Killion. Peg reported that Nicole did a wonderful job and that she even stayed after the meeting to speak with a member of the support group.

Next Meeting Date November 19 at 9:00 a.m. - This is scheduled on the third Monday of the month due to the Veteran’s day holiday on November 12.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.