

**Arizona Cancer Control Research Committee
Meeting Minutes for April 2, 2008
Noon -1:30 pm
Location: T-Gen Conference Room - Phoenix, Arizona
Call in number 866.365.4406 pass-code 3438819**

Attendees: Tim Flood, John Carpten, Joan Bald, Jacqueline Palmenberg, Veronica Vensor, Barbara Kavanaugh, Kay Kays, Jesse Nodora, Karen Lewkowitz, Daniel Holterman, Jerrod Robbins

Call in: Keith Provan, Barbara Piper, Veronica Vensor, Matthew Nelson

Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow-up Items
Welcome	John Carpten welcomed everyone and a roll call was checked off of those in attendance. Agendas were distributed.	
Review of Progress to Goals		Copies were to be emailed to committee members not present.
Goal 1 - Project 1 – Network Analysis	The focus of this project was to determine the network of relationships that currently exist in Arizona. Data collection was completed in Nov. 2007 and data entry was started in early 2008. Jesse Nodora and Keith Provan had some preliminary results to present. A list of the participants along with an abbreviations chart was distributed. Four linkage charts were presented, each showing directional communications. The charts represented Confirmed Links, Unconfirmed Links, Influence Networks and Reputation Networks. All found them interesting and sometimes surprising. The charts showed areas of strengths and areas of weakness. John Carpten discussed as to whether it would be helpful to distribute the information to the researchers.	Copies were to be emailed or mailed to committee members not in attendance. Formalized findings were to be presented when complete. Consideration will be given to a subsequent analysis in the next 18 to 24 months to track progress in building ties.
Goal 2 – Project 1 – Cancer Registry Analysis	Tim Flood presented information on the project whose purpose was to determine where cancer tissue can be found in Arizona that researchers might access. The Arizona Cancer Registry analyzed data from the central registry and identified hospitals most likely to have tissue samples (paraffin) block of common cancers. They identified 38,160 cases of cancers (dx 2001-2003) of which 23,016 were considered to have tissue removed. Several output spreadsheets were developed showing hospitals with the count of cases, including ethnicity. See www.xxxx.xxxx for more detailed results. The hope would be that those that those who gathered these samples could be approached to seek non paraffin (so called “fresh specimens”) that would be more helpful in genetic and molecular research.	Develop possible pilot plan to reach out to surgeons, pathologists, hospitals and cancer patients to determine how “fresh specimens” could be collected.
Goal 2 – Project 2 – Tissue Issue Workshops	In collaboration with an ADHS grant (Mar-Dec 2007/completed) given to the Arizona Multiple Myeloma	

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	<p>Networks, the Research Committee supported and participated in presenting 3 Workshops to the cancer patient population. The goals of the Workshops were to present to patients the questions “What is Tissue” and “Why is it Important for Me to Donate Tissue for Cancer Research” and to get their input. 3 workshops were completed in Phoenix, Prescott and Tucson.</p> <p>Barbara Kavanaugh presented the results of the November 17 Tucson Workshop evaluation forms. 74% considered the Workshop excellent while over 80% found the Workshop to be effective in understanding tissue donation in general, in the importance donating tissue and helping to make an informed decision about donation. Evaluation results from the other 2 Workshops were reported in previous meetings.</p> <p>Approximately 200 participants total attended the 3 Workshops that helped bridge the gap between researchers and cancer patients.</p>	
Goal 3 – No defined Project	<p>John Carpten noted that he hoped the committee would address this goal in 2008. Joan Bald noted again that the Tissue Workshops did slightly address the issue of the importance of participating in clinical trials and the need to donate tissue for clinical trials. Jacqueline Palmenberg noted again that the LLS has made this a priority for 2008.</p>	<p>Develop and determine projects that will meet this goal.</p>
Chair Succession Process		<p>John Carpten will remain involved with the committee as time permits.</p>
Future Direction	<p>Jesse Nodora led an opened-ended discussion on “how we want to move forward” and “what we want to do as a committee”. There was general discussion on tissue collection issues and what was being funded in the state. Nodora noted that before determining priorities it might be good to understand what the other committees were doing this year.</p>	<p>Jess Nodora will contact the other committee chairs regarding their projects so there is no unlapping of work or projects.</p>
Next Meeting	<p>A meeting date was not set. It was again mentioned that meetings might take place at differing locations around the valley.</p>	<p>Jesse Nodora to set date with Kendra Sabol for mailing to members.</p>