



Comprehensive  
**CANCER  
CONTROL**  
SOUTH DAKOTA



JANUARY 2015

# Cancer Quarterly

## New self-paced, free training offered from the GW Cancer Institute

The interactive course, Executive Training on Navigation and Survivorship, teaches the nuts and bolts of navigation and survivorship program development and implementation. Continuing education credits are available for nurses and social workers. To register for the course, visit the [Online Academy](#) and use enrollment code ETrain (note, this is case sensitive).

## Medicaid cancer patients incur higher end-of-life costs

A recent health services research project entitled "[End-of-Life Medical Costs of Medicaid Cancer Patients](#)" found that costs during the final four months of life were about \$10,000 higher for Medicaid cancer patients than for those without cancer. The authors conclude that the increased cost may reflect the cost of palliative care.

## Coordinator Corner

I hope everyone had a great holiday season and a Happy New Year. I cannot thank everyone who contributed to the draft version of the 2015-2020 South Dakota Comprehensive Cancer Control State Plan enough. This plan would not be possible without your vision and dedication! Please plan to participate in one of the final opportunities to share your insight on the entire plan. Additional details can be found on page three.

The Steering Committee approved a QOL workgroup grant to South Dakota State University. The project has a twofold objective: provide culturally specific advance directive educational sessions for elders on the Pine Ridge Reservation and increase the percentage of elders with an advance directive in their medical record.

The colorectal cancer grantees recently completed their first quarter reporting. First quarter successes include an increase in FIT return rates, development and implementation of system changes for colorectal cancer screening, and a FLU/FIT project, just to name a few. Be looking for additional updates as the grant period progresses.

-Lexi Haux, Program Coordinator

## Cancer Programs Director Update

Did you know? The South Dakota Department of Health has created a [Data Query System](#) to provide users with a searchable database to gather statistics specifically related to cancer. The Data Query System provides a wealth of information on Cancer Incidence and Mortality in South Dakota—you can complete a search by county, date range, cancer site, race, age, etc. If you are looking for cancer data or statistics—make sure you check out this valuable resource!

-Karen Cudmore, Cancer Programs Director

## What the workgroups are up to...

### **PREVENTION**

**Prevention Workgroup** - Chaired by [Sandra Melstad](#) - The prevention workgroup will meet on Wednesday, January 28th at 1pm CDT to review the prevention priorities, objectives and strategies of the 2015-2020 South Dakota Comprehensive Cancer Control State Plan.

### **EARLY DETECTION**

**SD Women's Cancer Network (Breast and Cervical Workgroup) and Colorectal Workgroup** - Chaired by [Stacie Fredenburg](#) - The Women's Cancer Network Symposium was held on Friday, November 7 at the Capital University Center in Pierre, SD. The symposium provided an opportunity to honor and recognize cancer survivors. A breast cancer survivor story was shared and four women participated in a Pink Shawl Ceremony. The Avera McKennan Foundation received the Partnership Award and Raylene Miner, Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Prevention and Detection Program Director for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Health Department, received the Champion Award. Kayla York, MS, LCGC, of the Avera Cancer Institute presented "The Role of Genetics in Cancer Risk for Women," which was also broadcast to the University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine.

Members of the Women's Cancer Network along with members of the Colorectal Cancer Workgroup are participating in the development of goals, objectives and strategies for the Early Detection section of the 2015-2020 South Dakota Comprehensive Cancer Control State Plan.

### **TREATMENT**

**Treatment Workgroup** - Co-Chaired by [Charlene Berke](#) and [Lora Black](#)—The last several months the workgroup calls have focused on the discussion of the proposed goals, objectives, and strategies for the 2015-2020 state cancer plan. The Treatment Workgroup also continues to move forward with activities related to clinical trials. Additional participants who fit in the yes cancer diagnosis/no clinical trial category are requested to participate by completing the survey at [link.usd.edu/clinicaltrialsurvey](http://link.usd.edu/clinicaltrialsurvey). Dr. Nutting and the USD communications team continues to analyze the data. The treatment workgroup meets regularly on the third Monday each month from 4-5pm.

### **QUALITY OF LIFE**

**Quality of Life Workgroup** - Co-Chaired by [Mary Minton](#) and [Katie Bloom](#) - The fall months were spent discussing the proposed goals, objectives, and strategies for the 2015-2020 state cancer plan in collaboration with the NACCD facilitators.

The workgroup supported the submission of a grant by Dr. Mary Isaacson titled "Wakanki Ewastepikte—Care for Our Elders" which has a twofold objective for provision of culturally specific advance directive educational sessions for elders on the Pine Ridge Reservation and increasing the percentage of elders with an advance directive in their medical record.

## **January is National Cervical Cancer Awareness Month**

Take advantage of January to highlight how preventable cervical cancer can be. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has tools to help raise public awareness: [new Vital Signs](#), [new infographics](#), [a fact sheet](#), and a [gynecologic cancer comprehensive brochure](#).

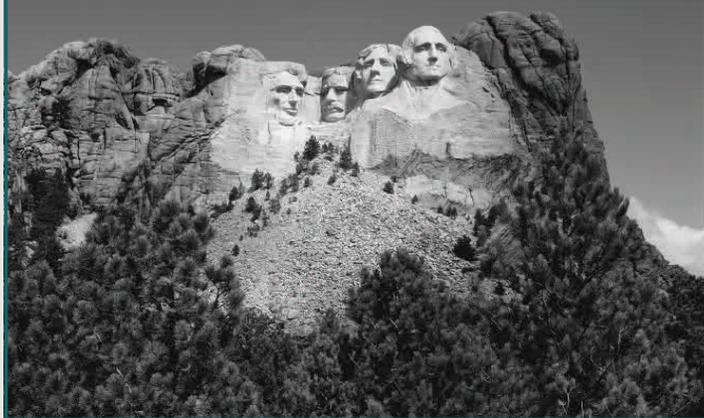
## Spotlight On...the SD CCCP Year in Review

The SD Comprehensive Cancer Control Program is proud to announce the release of its [2014 Annual Report](#). The report reviews the steps taken over the past year to reduce the burden of cancer in South Dakota. Using the 2011-2015 SD Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan as a guide, the report highlights projects, grants, and partnerships that impacted our

work in 2014. Data is presented to measure our progress in achieving cancer plan objectives -- graphically showing where improvement was made and where additional efforts are needed. We look forward to the implementation of the 2015-2020 SD Comprehensive Cancer Control State Plan and a successful 2015!

### South Dakota

### Comprehensive Cancer Control



2014 Annual Report

### Save-the-Date!

Mark your calendars and plan to participate in an opportunity to share your feedback and insights on the 2015-2020 South Dakota Comprehensive Cancer Control State Plan! Both opportunities will allow coalition members and stakeholders to provide feedback on all of the goals, priorities, objectives, and strategies of the cancer plan. Pick the date that works best for your schedule to attend. Webinar information and the formalized, draft version of the cancer plan will be shared via email and on the homepage of the website ([cancersd.com](http://cancersd.com)) two weeks prior to the calls.

**Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 4-5pm CST**

**Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 12-1pm CST**

## Grant Opportunities

### **WorkWell Partnership Grant**

The South Dakota Department of Health Office of Chronic Disease Prevention & Health Promotion WorkWell Partnership Grant is now accepting applications. Worksites are encouraged to submit proposals that promote healthy lifestyles by preventing, reducing and managing chronic disease through workplace environment and policy change. Each selected applicant will be awarded up to **\$2,000**. Applications are due on or before **February 13, 2015**. If you have any questions, please contact Enid Weiss via email at [eweiss@tie.net](mailto:eweiss@tie.net). To view the WorkWell grant description and the application attachments visit <http://goodandhealthysd.org/workplaces>.

### **South Dakota Good & Healthy Community Grant**

The South Dakota Department of Health is pleased to announce the release of the South Dakota Good & Healthy Community Grant. The goal of the grant is to support the assessment of community health and develop health promotion and disease prevention strategies for future implementation. Grant activities will include local facilitation of a community health needs assessment and improvement planning process guided by the South Dakota Good & Healthy Community Health Needs Assessment and Improvement Planning Toolkit and the South Dakota Department of Health Community Health Assessment Team.

The grant guidelines and application forms can be at <http://goodandhealthysd.org/communitytoolkit/>

APPLICATION DEADLINE: By 5 p.m. on **February 6, 2015**

ANTICIPATED AWARD AMOUNT: up to **\$10,000** per applicant

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Submit applications to [DOH.info@state.sd.us](mailto:DOH.info@state.sd.us). Please include Good & Healthy Community Grant Application and your applicant name in the subject line when submitting your application. Recommended file submission format: Zip file grant documents and labeled with applicant name.

---



## **Get Involved!**

The mission of the SD Comprehensive Cancer Control Program (SD CCCP) is to reduce the burden of cancer for South Dakotans. We are looking for enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers to join the workgroups of our coalition! Each workgroup (Prevention, Colorectal Cancer, Women's Cancer Network, Treatment, and Quality of Life) identifies activities to accomplish each year addressing specific issues in cancer control from the South Dakota Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan. To learn more about this opportunity, please join online at [http://www.cancersd.com/join\\_us.htm](http://www.cancersd.com/join_us.htm) or email questions to [info@cancersd.com](mailto:info@cancersd.com).

*In memory of those who recently lost the battle.*

*We will continue to fight for you.*