

REGIONAL ONCOLOGY NURSING COUNCIL OF SOUTHEASTERN ONTARIO

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS JANUARY 2004

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

The chair welcomed the new members:

1. Margaret Sadlon is taking Karen Matte, Vice President Patient Care, Brockville General place. Karen has retired. Margaret could not attend the meeting so has sent her designate, Shannon Jones, a charge nurse from Brockville General Hospital.
2. Patti Tracey, Program Director, Community Oncology Programs, Peterborough Regional Health Centre.
3. Jeri Dunne a Queen's student perceiving with Angela McCallum from the KFL&A Health Unit attended the meeting.

PRESENTATION: *Oncology Nursing: Our Past is the Prologue...Can We Author the Future.*

Members requested a presentation on the adopted CANO standards. The chair invited Esther Green and Dr. Denise Bryant-Lukosius to present as they presented at the CANO conference in October 2003 along with Barbara Love. The presentation will be published in an

upcoming "Canadian Oncology Nursing Journal".

CANCER 2020 SUMMARY REPORT – TARGETING CANCER- AN ACTION PLAN FOR CANCER PREVENTION AND DETECTION

The provincial cancer prevention and screening strategies authored by Cancer Care Ontario and the Canadian Cancer Society was circulated to the members.

REGIONAL CANCER PLAN

The Regional Cancer Advisory Committee (RCAC) is responsible for the development of a Regional Cancer Plan. There is an aggressive time line in which to complete the plan. An outline of the Regional Cancer Plan was made available to members of the council.

CCS PATIENT NEEDS SURVEY

The Canadian Cancer Society (CCS) distributed 3000 patient surveys and approximately 300 were returned. This survey was to be used for a provincial overview of the cancer patient needs.

REGIONAL PREVENTION/SCREENING STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

Angela McCallum (KFL&A Health Unit) gave a brief overview of the meeting. The goal is to create a network similar to the model of the "Eastern Ontario Region Injury Prevention Network" as this network has been very successful in bringing different groups together throughout the region. The Cancer 2020 report was used as a foundation for the Regional Prevention & Screening Strategic Planning meeting members are using. RONC chair and other members were invited to participate.

REGIONAL NURSES LEARNING NEEDS SURVEY

The objectives of the regional nurses learning needs survey are:

1. Establish a profile of nurses.
2. Establish preferred learning needs.
3. Establish preferred learning modes.

The Principle Investigator (PI) asked for feedback from the nurses on ways we can recognize nurses who deal with

oncology patients and make a list.

It is important to establish who the population is and how many nurses there are. The College of Nurses does not know how many oncology nurses are out there.

A discussion took place.

The following comments were generated from the discussion:

- Begin with people around the table – small sample.
- Try to narrow definition of an oncology nurse – more than 50% of patients in caseload have a diagnosis of cancer.
- Work to construct a database.
- Palliative patients where do they fit in?

ACTION PLAN 2004

The chair asked for a motion to adopt the Action Plan for 2004. Motion carried. Developing a website is part of the Action Plan.

The chair will present the Action Plan to the Regional Cancer Advisory Committee (RCAC) for information.

Margareth Zanchetta (Queens) and Joan Tranmer (Research, KGH) asked members to send their ideas for nursing research.

REGIONAL ONCOLOGY NURSES FUND

The chair would like to work with the managers around the table to develop “Terms of Reference” for this fund in collaboration with the VP of Cancer Services. A small amount was donated by an unrestricted education grant from Ortho-Biotech.

PALLIATIVE INTEGRATION PROJECT

Cheryl Chapman (PCCC Palliative Care, Brockville) gave a brief overview of the project. Cheryl will give a more detailed presentation to council at a later date.

LETTER OF SUPPORT

The Chair received a request from the Palliative Integration Project Leader for a letter of support from the RONC.

The letter would be sent to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care for support of the South Eastern Ontario Palliative Integration Project.

The council agreed to support this request.