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Cancer Task Force Report
Cecil County Community Health Advisory Committee
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Cancer Task Force Updates

CHIP Goal: Reduce Cancer Mortality in Cecil County

CHIP Objective: By June 30, 2022, increase the number of individuals receiving low-dose lung cancer CT screenings by 5% in order to increase awareness for lung cancer prevention.

Strategies

- Raise awareness for lung cancer prevention in order Support and engage medical providers in promoting patient awareness of lung cancer prevention efforts
- Educate and support medical providers on how to encourage patients to quit smoking and promote referrals for smoking cessation resources
- Support medical providers in making community presentations
- Promote the use of self-screening tools in the community for low-dose CT lung cancer screening/Have providers link to digital self-screening tool via patient portal
- Engage the community on lung cancer prevention efforts via social media/Tie into national campaigns

Activities Completed

- Recruitment of Cancer Task Force members was a priority as membership declined over the past three years. Three new members joined the task force in 2022.
- On October 13, 2021, ChristianaCare, Union Hospital (CCUH) hosted a Facebook Live presentation "A Lung Cancer Screening Could Save Your Life". During this live social media event, Sheelagh Stewart, Nurse Manager of Christiana Care, Union Hospital's Cancer Program and Dr. Naveed Hasan of Union Pulmonology discussed the importance of cancer screenings and how to talk to your doctor about low-dose CT lung cancer screenings. Participants were given the opportunity to engage in the conversation and encouraged to ask questions. The Cecil County Cancer Screening Program was promoted and individuals encouraged to contact the program to discuss eligibility.

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- Members discussed adding a lung cancer self-screening tool to be added to the patient portal at Union Hospital provider's offices and distributed throughout the county.
- Social media ads providing education regarding lung cancer screenings were used, including the Ad Council/American Lung Association's Saved by The Scan campaign to raise awareness and promote the importance of Low-Dose CT lung cancer screenings.

LDCT Data Update

In calendar years 2020/2021, screening numbers were impacted due to the pandemic. Between the months of March-May 2020 no screening procedures were completed at ChrisitianCare Union Hospital. May 2020- Aug 2020 there was a limited screening schedule due to the pandemic. In 2021 the installation of a new CT scanner did reduce access for one month at one of the Open MRI sites.

Year	Patients receiving low-dose CT screenings
2016	160
2017	191
2018	205
2019	306
2020	256
2021	287
2022	*pending data from CCUH

Community Updates

- CCUH continues to offer Low-Dose Computed Tomography lung cancer screening to eligible participants.

- CCUH and CCHD collaborate when possible, sharing information for each program at outreach events/opportunities within the community.

Cecil County Health Department Cancer Screening Program Updates

- Sharon Lubag, RN has been transferred to CCHD's Community Health Services and Jaimi Conley-Mahan, RN will resume the role of Program Coordinator/Nurse Case Manager. CCHD will recruit for a Community Health Outreach Worker in FY23.
- New cancer screening program brochures were created for distribution throughout the county. The brochures are available in both English and Spanish(Attached).
- The Cecil County Cancer Screening Program currently offers colorectal, lung, and skin cancer screenings to eligible Maryland residents, funded by the Cigarette Restitution Fund. Individuals in need of breast and/or cervical cancer screenings are referred to Harford and Kent County for services. Kent County has contracted with Cecil County providers and ChristianaCare Union Hospital for continuity of care. Outreach to health

care providers and the community is ongoing to identify underserved individuals that are uninsured or insured with high co-pays, co-insurnce and/or deductibles. Program referrals have declined due to the pandemic and engagement of local providers. All individuals are referred to apply for Medical Assistance and most are eligible and therefore ineligible for the program. Most referrals received this fiscal year were over income. To be eligible for the cancer screening program, income must be at or below 250% of Federal Poverty Level for household size. CCCSP has completed 10 cancer screenings in fiscal year 22 (8 colonoscopies and 2 skin screenings.) All clients referred to the Lung Cancer Program this reporting period have been ineligible due to insurance coverage. In February 2022, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) expanded the coverage for LDCT lung cancer screening by lowering the age for screening from 55 to 50 and reducing the pack-year history from 30 to 20 packs per year. Due to this broader Medicare coverage, two of our lung clients eligible for recall this reporting period were discharged due to insurance coverage and the lung module not offering patient navigation only (PNO) services.

- In FY23 outreach efforts will include digital and radio advertisements in greater efforts to reach the targeted population.
- Cecil County Health Department submitted the FY23 CRF CPEST Grant Application on July 12, 2022 and is awaiting approval.

Upcoming CTF Meeting

- The next meeting will be held virtually on Thursday, September 15, 2022 from 1330-1430.
- The CTF meets virtually, on a quarterly basis. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- Sheelagh Stewart from ChristianaCare Union Hospital is the acting chairperson for the Cancer Task Force.

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