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INTRODUCTION

Cancer in Kansas causes a heavy toll in both lives lost and the burden of the disease for patients and their families. Cancer in the U.S. recently surpassed heart disease as the leading cause of death for citizens under the age of 85. An enormous impact is seen in social, economic and personal costs for cancer.

Kansas has a long and rich history of taking a proactive approach to public health. From the establishment of one of the first public health agencies in 1885 to current initiatives to control and prevent West Nile Virus, the state has established innovative programs, which keep Kansans safe and healthy. Cancer prevention and control is a logical and important step in achieving the goal of Healthy Kansans by 2010 and beyond.

The Kansas Cancer Control Plan Part I was published in April 2002, the culmination of two years of work by the Kansas Cancer Partnership. The Healthy Kansans goals and objectives were outlined in that document. The 70-member partnership, with representatives from organizations and agencies across the state, identified five key strategies to accomplish its mission. These included fostering collaboration for primary, secondary and tertiary/palliative care, thereby reducing duplication of services and optimizing resources; identifying gaps in services and optimizing resources; reducing disparities in cancer screening and management; enhancing access to quality treatment and support services; and identifying and implementing priorities and strategies to evaluate outcomes.

The workgroups identified six specific cancer areas, which were selected based on the frequency and severity of the disease and the availability of prevention, screening and early diagnosis efforts that could reduce morbidity and mortality. Those six cancers include breast (female), cervical, colorectal, prostate, lung and skin.

The groups were presented with the clinical and epidemiological characteristics of cancer and the research needed to understand the unmet public health problems. In addition, the initial planning process defined the key cross-cutting issues that would need to be addressed for both specific cancers and cancer care.

The Phase II process organizes the workgroups around the Continuum of Care, which includes more comprehensive recommendations for prevention, early detection, treatment and survivorship as it pertains to the six priority cancers.

The approach to the burden of cancer includes preventing some cancers from occurring, screening to detect cancer at its earliest stages, treating cancer with the most comprehensive/highest quality treatments available, and addressing survivorship and end of life issues for cancer patients.

A comprehensive approach to the prevention and control of cancer in Kansas provided the framework for these workgroups to explore available resources, identify interested individuals, groups and businesses and access the network of providers and programs that are currently involved in efforts to reduce the disease burden and mortality rate. The culmination of this effort will provide the platform for an implementation plan based on the combined efforts of various organizations and partners that are currently participating in activities dealing with cancer issues.