

Breast and Cervical Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2023, 1-3 pm

The meeting of the Breast and Cervical Advisory Committee was called to order at 1:00 pm by Tina Goodwin. The meeting was held at the Lincoln Community Foundation (215 Centennial Mall S. # 100)

Roll Call (Introductions)

Members Present:

Linda Newport
Denise Tomek (Zoom)
Michael Steiner (Zoom)
Samia Gamie (Zoom)

Members Absent:

Kelly Mand
Rebecca Tines

DHHS Staff Present:

Melissa Leypoldt
Tina Goodwin
Joey Labadie (Zoom)
Leah Snyder
Lynn Jones
Raji Timmaraju
Cathy Dillon

In accordance with § 84-1411 of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, a copy of the Open Meetings Act was available in the room. <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Womens-Health-Initiatives-Contact-Us.aspx>.

The meeting agenda and handouts were emailed to the attendees on October 18.

Melissa gave an overview of the Women's and Men's Health Programs, including history of CDC funding and current funding cuts for the program due to Medicaid expansion.

Tina gave a presentation on screening rates for breast and cervical cancer over the last two years.

Lynn talked about the types of patient navigation the Every Woman Matters (EWM) program uses for Breast and Cervical patients. Joey told two stories about patients she has assisted with navigation.

New member and breast cancer survivor Linda Newport shared her personal story and why she was excited about in being on the Committee.

The Committee next discussed the new structural barrier voucher program for clients that consists of \$25 vouchers.

Michael who works for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation talked about some of the struggles they have had related to how much insurance companies pay for diagnostic mammograms.

Melissa gave a presentation about cancer disease burden and health equity in Nebraska. This included 4 maps: breast cancer disease burden by local health district, cervical cancer disease burden by local health district, a breast cancer health equity map using federal poverty level data, and a cervical cancer health equity map also using federal poverty level data. These maps will be posted on the Every Woman Matters website. These maps and the methodology will be sent to the CDC as an example of a success of the Every Woman Matters program.

Tina gave a short reminder about recruitment for the Breast and Cervical Advisory Committee and where people can find the application.

Melissa encouraged members to let DHHS know if they have any questions or want updates about the Every Woman Matters program. If members would like certain topics discussed during future meetings, they are asked to reach out to EWM and it will be added to the next meeting's agenda.

There was a discussion on meeting frequency. Meetings will be twice a year.

The next meeting will be in April of 2024, with the exact date, time and location to be determined. Tina adjourned the meeting at 2:23 pm.

Minutes by Leah Snyder