



March 2018 Newsletter

An update of recent Partnership activities and events

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Welcome!

The Partnership has a new Program Director, welcome Maria Grove! Maria has over 6 years experience leading health advocacy efforts, most recently leading the Connecticut Brain Tumor Alliance. She became a cancer advocate after her mother passed away from a glioblastoma. She has strong communications and writing skills, having served as a communications specialist and a speech writer in previous roles. Maria is married and has two daughters. In her free time she drives her children to their activities (lacrosse, diving, archery and horse riding) and also competes in horse shows. She has a Master in Diplomacy (focus in anti-terrorism) from Norwich University. She can be reached at (203) 379-4860 and mailbox@ctcancerpartnership.org.



Annual Meeting Recap

Thank you to everyone who attended the Fourteenth Annual Meeting December 5, 2017. Over 80 people from a variety of organizations participated in a powerful discussion focused on screening guidelines and shared decision making. Participants heard speakers on colorectal, breast, lung and prostate cancers as well as discussions about disparities. The purpose of this conference was to enable participants to understand the science behind screening guidelines, including disparity-specific concerns, and to become familiar with the use of shared decision making tools to help, in culturally and linguistically appropriate ways, patients and family members recognize their choices and communicate their preferences about reasonable screening options. Overall participants responded to the speakers and subject areas positively and brainstormed on future meeting topics and Partnership goals. For a full report on the annual meeting, visit our website at www.ctcancerpartnership.org



Department of Public Health to work

with Consultant

The Department of Public Health will be working with a consultant for the next 4 months to evaluate the structure of the Connecticut Cancer Partnership. The consultant will review best practices from other states and make recommendations for the continued growth and success of the Partnership. This is an exciting time for evolution and development for the Partnership and we look forward to working with DPH and the consultant.



Upcoming Partnership Events

Colorectal Roundtable May 31, 2018

Save the date! Join us on Thursday May 31, 2018 at the Sheraton Hartford South Hotel for a roundtable to engage organizations that are interested in improving colorectal cancer screening rates, sharing best practices and using this meeting as a kickoff to achieve 80% screening rates in Connecticut. More information will be coming soon!

LUNG FORCE Expo May 10, 2018

The LUNG FORCE Expo is a program designed for patients and healthcare professionals to learn more about the latest trends, resources and research surrounding lung cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and asthma. This event will take place on May 10, 2018 at the Hartford Sheraton South Hotel in Rocky Hill. Visit http://action.lung.org/site/TR?fr_id=16602&pg=entry for more information and to register.

Defining the Impact of HPV / Yale April 26, 2018

Defining the impact of HPV on cervical and head & neck cancers at Lawrence + Memorial Hospital in New London, CT. Featuring Dr. Jane Kanowitz, Medical Director at Smilow Cancer Hospital Waterford Care Center. Visit yalecancercenter.org/hpv for more information and to register.

Yale ASCO Review 2018 June 15, 2018

Yale is hosting a recap of the American Society of Clinical Oncology to benefit physicians and researchers who could not attend the national meeting. To be held at the New Haven Lawn Club on June 15, 2018. To register and view conference program, please visit www.cme.yale.edu