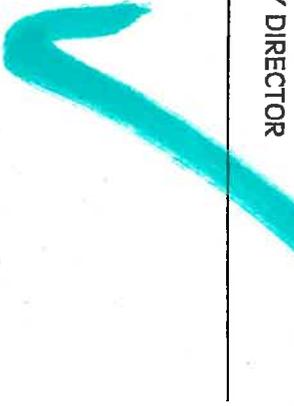


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From: Teeshla Curtis <CURTIST@scdhhs.gov>
To: Brenda James <JAMESBR@scdhhs.gov>
Date: 3/7/2012 9:58 AM
Subject: FW: Letter of Support for BCCP grant (DHEC)

From: Michael Jones [mailto:JONEST@scdhhs.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 9:51 AM
To: Brenda James ; Jan Polaty; Teeshla Curtis
Subject: Fwd: Letter of Support for BCCP grant (DHEC)

Is it possible to have this processed as a Log Letter? That way we can make sure we meet the timelines for getting signatures?

Let me know what you all think...

Teeshla Curtis

From: Jackson, Susan <jacksosl@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2012 2:08 PM
To: BETSY FULLER
Cc: Daguisé, Virginia; Lydiard, Dianna
Subject: Fwd: LOS
Attachments: DHHS LOS.doc; BCN Grant Application Synopsis.doc

Betsy,

Thank you for your help. Please see below and find draft letter and a brief description attached. If you need anything more, please let me know.

Thanks again,
Susan

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Daguisé, Virginia <daguisvg@dhec.sc.gov>
Date: Tue, Mar 6, 2012 at 1:53 PM
Subject: LOS
To: "Jackson, Susan" <jacksosl@dhec.sc.gov>

Dear Susan,

As I mentioned earlier, I had sent Mr. John Supra with DHHS (per Owen's request) an e-mail but have not heard back from him or staff.

It is possible the e-mail was not opened as he does not know me. I have worked with Melanie Gise but not reached out to her at this time.

We would really like to have a letter on behalf of DHHS in support of our cancer programs in SC. As you know DHHS is a wonderful partner in BCN but they are also a great partner for comprehensive cancer control for SC. DHHS is at the table at for CCAC and has been very active in the past through the SC Cancer Alliance. We truly value their continued support and I feel certain that with the upcoming changes in healthcare and the policy and systems change approach that the comprehensive cancer program and cancer division as whole is taking that their partnership and support will be even greater.

I have attached a draft letter of support from DHHS. Please feel free to use the letter or parts of it if helpful. The grant is being uploaded on the 22nd of March so it would be wonderful if we could have a letter by the 19th.

Thank you for following up.

Kindest regards,

Ginie

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Virginia Daguisé, PhD.

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L. Owens Goff, Bureau Director
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Dear Mr. Goff,

On behalf of The Department of Health and Human Services, we are pleased to offer our full support to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control's (SC DHEC) Cancer Prevention and Control Programs for State, Territorial and Tribal Organizations.

We value the current partnerships with DHEC's cancer division. The Department of Health and Human Services mission to enable uninsured, underserved South Carolinians to obtain medical care has been crucial to the success of South Carolina's BCCEDP program.

DHHS administers the Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act and facilitates coordination with BCCEDP through a formal memorandum of agreement. DHHS is also represented on the DHEC Cancer Control Advisory Committee with a member appointed by the SCDHEC Commissioner. In addition, the strong partnership that DHHS has forged with South Carolina Cancer alliance has enabled clinical trials legislation and encouraged systems changes to better serve South Carolinians in our battle to reduce the burden of cancer in SC.

We continue to support community-clinical linkages as well as policy, health systems changes, and quality clinical preventive services as well as environmental approaches to reduce the burden of cancer in South Carolina. Dedicated resources with a strategic focus in the areas of quality clinical preventive services will reduce the risks of the leading causes of death in our state.

We look forward to our continued collaboration with the Cancer Prevention and Control Program grant as a partner in our mission to reduce the risks of the leading causes of death in South Carolina.

Please accept this letter as our pledge of support for your grant application. We look forward to working with you and your staff in efforts towards increasing community-clinical linkages and implementing policy, systems, and environmental approaches to prevent and reduce the burden of cancer in our state.

Grant Application Synopsis - Best Chance Network

Collaborations with key external partners, such as SC DHHS, continue to be crucial to the Best Chance Network's plan for the next five-year funding cycle. We will be working with partners to provide specific and appropriate screening promotion activities to increase the reach of the program beyond women screened with CDC funds, inform policies that support screening and assure quality, make health care system improvements, and implement other data driven, evidence-based interventions to support organized screening efforts.

Specifically, the purpose of this funding period is to transition the Best Chance Network, a highly-functional public health infrastructure for cancer prevention and control, into new roles and functions to anticipate South Carolina's needs in the years to come. The goals are to (1) seek efficiencies across the management and operations of cancer prevention and control programs, (2) focus on high-burden cancers with evidence-based, scalable interventions that already exist and can be broadly implemented, (3) develop organized screening programs that are more effective and efficient than current opportunistic approaches, and (4) maintain high-quality cancer registries and expand their application in prevention and screening.