






Vermonters Taking Action Against Cancer






### Vermont State Cancer Plan Revision

- Mid-Term revision of 5 year plan (2011-2015)
- Revision Released February 2014
- Nine month review process by VDH and VTAAC
- Primary Intent:
  - Update plan goals & objectives to align with any screening/guideline changes since 2010 release date
  - Add strategies for each goal documenting implementation approaches
- Changes drafted by Cancer Plan Revision Committee
- Changes approved by VDH and VTAAC Steering Committee

## Cancer Screening Learning Collaborative

- 9-month Collaborative for Primary Care providers
- Content and measures align with USPSTF screening recommendations for breast, cervical and colorectal cancer.
- Series of 5 all-day sessions over 9 months with conference calls and action period between sessions.
- 5 practices initially enrolled – 4 completed the series
- Baseline and final chart review for screening measures
- Utilize plan, do, study, act (PDSA) cycles to test their ideas
- Combined patient load: ~14,000 Vermonters

## Cancer Screening Learning Collaborative

**Outcomes:**

- All practices reported utilizing evidence based approaches in their action plans
- Although specific improvement is difficult to measure as a group, all practices documented improvement in their patient panel for cancer screening measures
- All practices documented:
  - Gaining new knowledge about cancer screening
  - Improving practice level cancer screening outcomes
  - Confidence that their practice will sustain activities to improve practice performance and quality



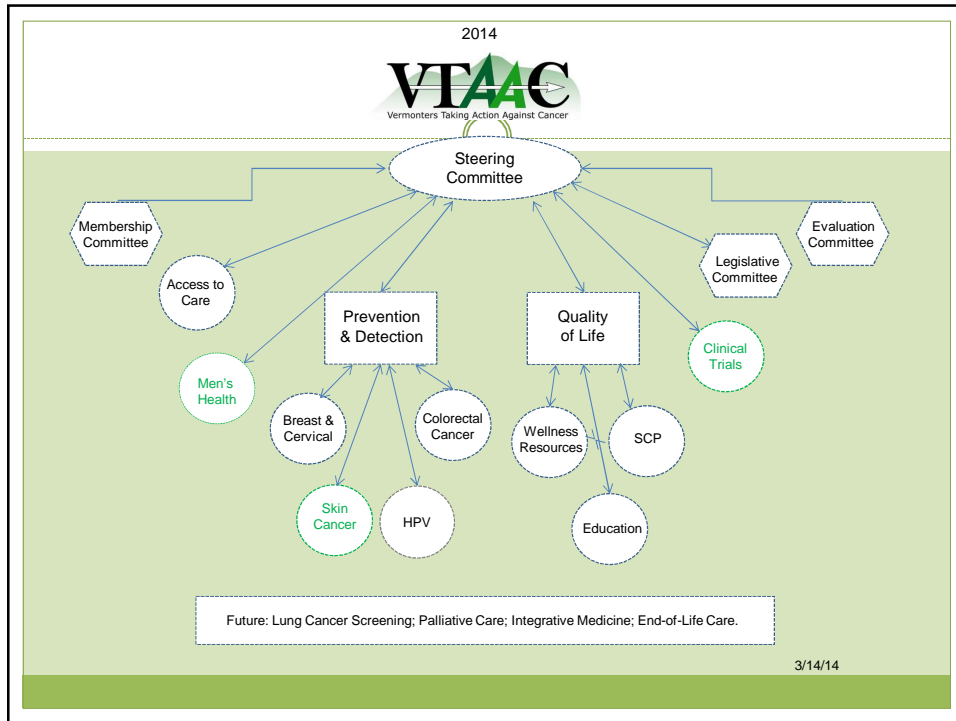
## Joint Payer Project – VT Health Plans


- Private insurers seeing cancer screening rates declining
- Screening Claims review by all Vermont Health Plans
- Led by Blue Cross Blue Shield
- Worked as part of VTAAC Women's Health Workgroup
- Pilot study: coordinate with 10+ primary care practices to share data on screened/unscreened patients
- Staffing changes at BCBS



## VTAAC Structure Reorganized

- Steering Committee approved new workflow structure
- Two workgroups, three committees, 10 taskforces
- Committee – standing committee reports to SC. Meets as needed
- Workgroup – larger group to set goals and priorities in the State Cancer Plan – meet quarterly
- Taskforce – smaller groups to implement strategies, short term assignment, reports to Workgroup
- Now looking to recruit members for all



  
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## New Workgroup – Prevention & Detection

Task is to determine how to coordinate activities and resources that meet the State Cancer Plan’s goals for increased cancer prevention activities for sun radiation and HPV infections; and increased cancer screening for breast, cervical and colon cancers

Will create taskforces for Breast & Cervical Cancers, Colorectal Cancer, HPV Vaccinations and Skin Cancer



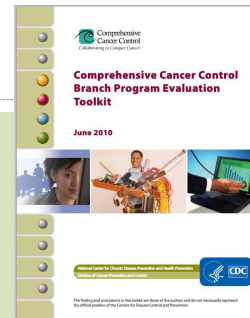
## Membership Committee

- Steering Committee created Membership Committee
- New Committee chaired by Ali Johnson
- Updated VTAAC Guiding Principles
- Developed VTAAC Marketing flyer
- Worked with RTI on VTAAC membership evaluation
- Developed new levels of membership  
General – Participating – Leadership
- Membership page added to VTAAC website



## Evaluation

- VDH contracted with RTI to create an evaluation plan and assess:
  - The Vermont State Cancer Plan
  - The VDH Comprehensive Cancer Control Program
  - VTAAC (membership and Workgroup outcomes)
- Membership survey completed in summer of 2013
- Review of Workgroup structure and progress Fall 2013
- Results being used by VTAAC Steering and Membership Committees
- Multi-year project, next step to assess State Cancer Plan





### **Access to Care Task Force**

- Started in February 2013, chaired by Ruth Heimann
- Task is to analyze the time from diagnosis to start of chemotherapy in breast cancer patients
- Task force is made up of FAHC, UVM, and VDH staff
- Taskforce has reviewed preliminary data and further defining criteria
- Goal is to publish findings



### **Other supportive work with partners:**

- VCC/CVMC – Stowe Weekend of Hope
- VEN – State Palliative Care Conference
- VPHA/VEN/UVM – Blueprint Conference
- VCC – Breast Cancer Conference
- VCC – Survivor Day Celebration, Chittenden County
- VCSN – Survivor Summit/Celebration
- UVM – Family Medical Conference
- ACOS CoC Centers – CVMC, FAHC, GMC, NWMC, RRMCC, SVMC
- VDH – Cancer Epi Team Collaboration

