

# Breast Health Task Force Meeting Notes, October 2, 2012



Attendees in person:		
Kathy Mix, BHTF co-Chairperson; BCCP Angela Weaver, BHTF co-chairperson, Oregon Office on Disability & Health Summer Cox, Oregon Genetics Program Jan Franke, Komen Affiliate Lilya Yenseyeva, Russian Oregon Social Services (ROSS)		
<b>Attendees 📞:</b> Monique Stenger, Providence Hood River Memorial Hospital Foundation		
Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Outcome/Follow-Up
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>		
<b>Next Regional Networking Event</b>	Where should we go in January? Regional Meetings have taken place so far in: Albany, Seaside, Grants Pass, Bend Suggestions... Eugene, and invite people from the Central & Southern coast to come to Eugene. Suggestion for Spring (April) - Hood River.	Kathy will look into connections in the Eugene/Springfield area to begin the planning for a January Regional Networking meeting.
<b>Regional Networking Event Bend, OR 9/25/12</b>	Kathy & Angela facilitated the meeting and Jan attended in person. Summer provided a breast cancer genetics presentation via conference call.	Very successful; there was feedback that people wanted more time to network but all enjoyed the variety of topics and the presentations. People were frustrated about the reduction in BCCP funding but discussed ways to find alternate funding to screen local women.
<b>Breast Density Legislation</b>	Kathy & Summer had a conference call with advocate Kathy Parara. It is already being considered by Senator Jackie Dingfelder's for the upcoming Oregon legislative session. Similar legislation has passed in California and New York. There are 4 levels of density: extremely dense tissue in 10% of women, heterogeneously dense in 40% of women, and scattered or no dense tissue in the remaining 50%. This information is currently part of a mammogram report. The legislation requires that women be informed of their breast density each time they have a mammogram. The science is developing on how to use this information when making individual decisions about breast cancer screening.	BHTF will stay updated on this issue as it develops in terms of clinical application as well as legislation. Individual BHTF members can take action on this issue if they choose to. State employees cannot advocate on legislative issues
<b>Member Updates/ Upcoming Events</b>	<p><b>Monique:</b> She is working on starting "The Gorge Mammogram Coalition." They are having their first meeting in a few weeks and they would love us to come to the Hood River area in the Spring to hold a Regional Partnership Meeting.</p> <p><b>Jan:</b> Komen Race for the Cure - is scheduled for Sunday October 21<sup>st</sup> in Eugene. There was a good level of participation in Portland, but not as good as the past. This could be due to the economy, as well as people in Eugene who used to come to PDX, and now they are staying in Eugene.</p> <p><b>Summer:</b> The company that holds the patent on &amp; the data for genetic breast cancer testing has released their data from 1997 to the present. The Oregon Genetics Program monitors the number of women who are referred to genetic counselors in the state, but until now did not have access to accurate numbers on the women who receive genetic counseling from their primary care providers. Now they have this data and it will help to determine who is ordering these tests. The goal is to educate providers to ensure that women are receiving comprehensive &amp; effective genetic counseling, or to encourage providers to refer women to trained genetic counselors.</p> <p><b>Lilya:</b> ROSS is hosting a 1-hour radio and on-line TV interview with a breast cancer survivor. Jan suggested Lilya contact channel 2 news to get broader coverage.</p> <p><b>Kathy:</b> BCCP – recently received supplemental funding to screen approximately 400 more women this fiscal year. Planning for changes to the BCCP provider network are underway to make the program more financially efficient and clinically effective. A goal is to ensure that providers understand the focus of BCCP as a screening program focused on the outreach population of rarely &amp; never screened women ages 40-64 years.</p> <p><b>Angela:</b> Office on Disability &amp; Health – she updated that LILA did get the Komen Mini-Grant.</p>	

<b>Agenda items for next meeting</b>	Email agenda items to Kathy Mix at: <a href="mailto:Katherine.a.mix@state.or.us">Katherine.a.mix@state.or.us</a>	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<b>Tuesday November 6, 2012</b>	