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Dear Ms. Wilborn:

On behalf of the Cancer Action Coalition of Virginia, it is our pleasure to submit the annual report to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Joint Commission on Health Care as requested in House Joint Resolution No. 56 of 2010.

The Cancer Action Coalition of Virginia (CACV) is an alliance of organizations and individuals working together to provide statewide guidance, support, leadership, and coordination of cancer prevention and control activities throughout the Commonwealth. CACV is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization. Our mission is to reduce the burden of cancer for all persons living in Virginia utilizing the Virginia Cancer Plan to provide a forum for collaboration, education, and advocacy.

This year, CACV members, in partnership with the Virginia Department of Health, released the latest blueprint for community-based cancer prevention and control activities in the Commonwealth; the document is the [Virginia Cancer Plan \(VCP\), 2023-2027](#). The VCP contains goals, specific objectives, methods to achieve objectives, and standards used to measure success.

Throughout the report, you will find references to how our activities align with the *Virginia Cancer Plan* along with metrics showing our progress. Our activities always focus on the *Virginia Cancer Plan* intending to promote collaboration among our members to meet the plan goals and objectives.

Please contact Jessica Deering at jdeering@cancercoalitionofvirginia.org to answer questions about the report. Thank you for distributing the report to Virginia's legislators and citizens.

Sincerely,

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Report to the Governor, General Assembly, and the Joint Commission on Health Care

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This annual report describes activities and accomplishments of the Cancer Action Coalition of Virginia (CACV) as related to the Virginia Cancer Plan during 2023. The appendix reproduces the text of HJR 56, which requests that CACV provide annual reports to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Joint Commission on Health Care regarding changes to the Virginia Cancer Plan.

CACV Mission

The mission of the Cancer Action Coalition of Virginia (CACV) is to reduce the burden of cancer for all persons living in Virginia utilizing the Virginia Cancer Plan to provide a forum for collaboration, education, and advocacy.

Our key initiative is to develop the [Virginia Cancer Plan](#) (VCP) every 5 years which provides a roadmap to addressing the burden of cancer in the Commonwealth. The first plan was developed in 1998. The plan is a framework that presents priority objectives, goals, and strategies to reduce cancer risk, eliminate preventable cancers, and minimize cancer deaths and disabilities.

Cancer is too big a problem to fight alone. CACV fosters relationships between healthcare systems, non-profits, government agencies, community organizations, and individuals throughout Virginia to implement the goals and objectives of the plan.

CACV Members

- Members constitute a cross-section of parties that have a professional or personal interest in cancer prevention and control issues.
- Members are not-for-profit organizations, community-based organizations, academic institutions, public health agencies, individuals, private businesses, and health care organizations.
- Members collaborate by providing expertise in identifying the burden of cancer in Virginia, working to reduce risks, advancing early detection and state-of-the-art treatment, and enhancing survivorship.

CACV membership grew by over 20% in 2023. CACV has 297 members representing the following:

Membership Organization

Cancer Center: 22%
Healthcare: 30%
Private Sector: 21%
Community Based/Non-Profit: 15%
Higher Education: 3%
Local/State Health Department: 8%
Individual Member: 1%

Geographic Representation

Central: 57%
Northern: 15%
Southwest: 10%
Coastal: 8%
South: 4%
Shenandoah: 3%
Outside Virginia: 3%

Virginia Cancer Plan 2023-2027

In February, the 2023-2027 Virginia Cancer Plan (VCP) was released to the public. CACV and its members developed an awareness campaign to share the new cancer plan with communities across the Commonwealth. Resources and tools were developed to help share what the plan is and how every Virginian has a role to play in reducing the burden of cancer.

Virginia Cancer Plan tools available include:

- [Virginia Cancer Plan At A Glance](#)

- [Virginia Cancer Plan Stakeholder Toolkit](#)
- [Virginia Cancer Plan Video](#)

The distinctive feature of the plan is to define primary prevention and control goals, provide specific methods or strategies to achieve the goals, and present measures to evaluate progress.

Virginia Cancer Plan 2023-2027 Progress Dashboard

The Virginia Cancer Plan 2023-2027 Progress Dashboard was created to provide real-time progress on the goals and objectives outlined in the plan. The dashboard is available on the CACV website at [VCP Progress Dashboard](#). Updates to the dashboard are made regularly when new data is available.

PREVENTION: Goals & Progress

Cancer prevention includes those actions that individuals and communities take to promote healthy lifestyles. Changes in behaviors, policies and environments fit into prevention activities. Prevention efforts focus on reducing the number of people who develop cancer each year and whose quality of life suffers as a consequence.

Prevention Goals

1. Reduce exposure to and use of tobacco products among Virginians.
2. Increase the adoption of dietary patterns recommended to reduce cancer risk among Virginians.
3. Improve physical activity among Virginians.
4. Decrease underage and excessive alcohol consumption among Virginians.
5. Increase prevention and treatment of carcinogenic infectious disease among Virginians.
6. Reduce overexposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun and indoor tanning devices among Virginians.
7. Reduce exposure to radon and other environmental substances linked to cancer.

Prevention Progress

Virginia has seen improvements across various prevention priority areas from the 2023-27 Virginia Cancer Plan (VCP), including the select objectives below. An asterisk* indicates that Virginia has already exceeded targets for 2027.

Objective 1.1 Decrease the percentage of adult cigarette smokers.

- Baseline: 13.6% (2020 data)
- Most Recent Data: 12.1% (2022 data)
- Target by 2027: 12.0%
- Data source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)

Objective 1.4 Increase the percentage of adolescents in grades 9-12 who never tried a cigarette (even one or two puffs).

- Baseline: 81.8% (2019 data)
- Most Recent Data: 84.7% (2021 data)
- Target by 2027: 88.8%
- Data source: Virginia Youth Survey

Objective 1.11 Decrease the percentage of adolescents in grades 9-12 who use electronic vapor product.

- Baseline: 19.9% (2019 data)

- Most Recent Data: 14.3% (2021 data)
- Target by 2027: 11.3%
- Data source: Virginia Youth Survey

*Objective 2.5 Decrease the percentage of adolescents in grades 6-8 who did not eat vegetables in the past 7 days.

- Baseline: 15.6% (2019 data)
- Most Recent Data: 13.1% (2021 data)*
- Target by 2027: 14.8%
- Data source: Virginia Youth Survey

*Objective 3.6 Increase the percentage of adolescents in grades 6-8 who are active at least 60 minutes per day every day in the last 7 days.

- Baseline: 29% (2019 data)
- Most Recent Data: 31.3% (2021 data)*
- Target by 2027: 30.5%
- Data source: Virginia Youth Survey

*Objective 4.2 Decrease the percentage of adolescents in grades 9-12 who had at least one drink in the past 30 days.

- Baseline: 25.4% (2019 data)
- Most Recent Data: 19.4% (2021 data)*
- Target by 2027: 24.1%
- Data source: Virginia Youth Survey

Objective 5.2 Increase the percentage of males aged 13-15 who are up to date on their HPV vaccine series.

- Baseline: 37.2% (2020 data)
- Most Recent Data: 59.6% (2022 data)
- Target by 2027: 80%
- Data source: National Immunization Survey

EARLY DETECTION: Goals & Progress

Early detection promotes finding cancer before symptoms or signs occur. Cancers generally are more easily treated and cured when found early. Decreasing the incidence of late-stage cancer diagnosis is a primary goal of early detection efforts.

Early Detection Goals

8. Increase high-quality cancer screening and early detection rates for Virginians.

Early Detection: Progress

Below are select VCP objectives for early detection for which Virginia has already seen progress. An asterisk* indicates that Virginia has already exceeded targets for 2027.

Objective 8.4 Increase the percentage of women who ever had an HPV test.

- Baseline: 51.8% (2020 data)
- Most Recent Data: 52.3% (2022 data)
- Target by 2027: 54.4%

- Data source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)

Objective 8.7 Increase the percentage of lung cancers diagnosed at the localized stage.

- Baseline: 22.7% (2014-2018 data)
- Most Recent Data: 26.0% (2016-2020 data)
- Target by 2027: 27.3%
- Data source: Virginia Cancer Registry

*Objective 8.14 Increase the percentage of ovarian cancers diagnosed at the local stage.

- Baseline: 16.8% (2014-2018 data)
- Most Recent Data: 22.7% (2016-2020 data)*
- Target by 2027: 17.3%
- Data source: Virginia Cancer Registry

DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT: Goals & Progress

This priority area in the VCP is focused on reducing barriers to care, promoting evidence-based practices, and encouraging participation in clinical trials.

Diagnosis and Treatment: Goals

9. Increase availability and access to current evidence-based diagnosis and treatment options following national standards.
10. Reduce socioeconomic, structural, cultural and workforce barriers to obtaining quality diagnosis and treatment.
11. Increase the number and diversity of cancer patients enrolled in clinical research trials.
12. Establish a system for regular collection of data regarding cancer care across the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Diagnosis and Treatment: Progress

Below are select VCP objectives for diagnosis and treatment for which Virginia has already seen progress. An asterisk* indicates that Virginia has already exceeded targets for 2027.

Objective 9.2 Increase the percentage of cancer patients with insurance that paid for all of their cancer treatment.

- Baseline: 95.5% (2020 data)
- Most Recent Data: 97.3% (2022 data)
- Target by 2027: 98%
- Data source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)

*Objective 10.1 Reduce the percentage of adult cancer survivors who could not see a doctor when they needed to because of costs in the past 12 months.

- Baseline: 6.7% (2020 data)
- Most Recent Data: 3.7% (2022 data)*
- Target by 2027: 6.4%
- Data source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)

*Objective 11.1 Increase the percentage of Virginia cancer patients who participate in clinical cancer research trials.

- Baseline: 3.9% (2020 data)

- Most Recent Data: 6.2% (2022 data)*
- Target by 2027: 4.1%
- Data source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)

SURVIVORSHIP AND PALLIATIVE CARE: Goals & Progress

People living with, through, or beyond cancer are survivors. Family members, friends, and caregivers are also survivors. Palliative care is a systematic application of methods that assist people in daily life, including employment, and in managing practical, legal, and financial needs. Survivorship and palliative care goals create means and opportunities to enhance quality of life for survivors.

Survivorship and Palliative Care: Goals

13. Optimize the quality of life for patients and caregivers across the cancer continuum.

Survivorship and Palliative Care: Progress

Below are select VCP objectives for survivorship and palliative care for which Virginia has already seen progress. An asterisk* indicates that Virginia has already exceeded targets for 2027.

Objective 13.7 Increase the percentage of cancer survivors who report no frequent (14 or more days out of 30 days) bad mental health.

- Baseline: 88.7% (2020 data)
- Most Recent Data: 88.8% (2022 data)
- Target by 2027: 93.1%
- Data source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)

*Objective 13.9 Increase the number of health systems that have a financial navigator available.

- Baseline: 2 (2022 data)
- Most Recent Data: 8 (2023 data)*
- Target by 2027: 5
- Data source: Cancer Action Coalition of Virginia

PEDIATRIC, ADOLESCENT AND YOUNG ADULT (AYA) CANCERS: Goals & Progress

Pediatric cancers are often different from the types of cancers that develop in adults and in many cases, they are not treated in the same manner. Therefore, it is important to treat children at a center that is a member of the Children's Oncology Group where the treatment team understands the unique needs of children and teens with cancer and their families. The pediatric, adolescent and young adult cancers goals include a comprehensive approach to improving the quality of life for all pediatric, adolescent and young adult survivors from the time they are diagnosed into adulthood.

Pediatric and AYA Cancers: Goals

14. Improve access to quality treatment and timely medical information for patients and their families.
15. Improve long-term follow-up care for childhood cancer survivors.
16. Improve support services for pediatric patients, survivors, and their families.
17. Increase awareness of palliative care strategies for children with cancer among healthcare providers, patients, and families.
18. Address financial burdens of pediatric patients, survivors, and their families.

Pediatric and AYA Cancers: Progress

Below are select VCP objectives for pediatric and AYA cancers for which Virginia has already seen progress. An asterisk* indicates that Virginia has already exceeded targets for 2027.

*Objective 16.1 All pediatric cancer treatment centers will have a dedicated educational specialist.

- Baseline: 0 specialists (2022 data)
- Most Recent Data: 5 specialists (2023 data)*
- Target by 2027: 5
- Data source: ASK Childhood Cancer Foundation

Addressing Health Equity

One goal that permeates all the other goals in the Virginia Cancer Plan (VCP) is ensuring that we are addressing health equity throughout our activities. CACV and its members continue to focus efforts on reducing disparities through research, education, and targeted initiatives throughout the state.

CACV 2023 Initiatives

Virginia Cancer Plan Implementation Efforts

In 2023, CACV developed and implemented the following programmatic efforts to help reach specific goals and objectives of the Virginia Cancer Plan.

VCP FY23 Implementation Mini-Grants Addressing Structural Barriers

VCP Focus Area: Early Detection; Survivorship & Palliative Care; and Health Equity

CACV provided \$25,000 in funding to five organizations to implement programs to address structural barriers to cancer screening, treatment, survivorship care, and/or participation in cancer clinical trials. Structural barriers are burdens or obstacles that make it difficult for people to access services. The outcomes of these efforts were:

- **264 individuals** were served.
- **129 patients** received assistance to attend appointments for diagnostic imaging and/or cancer treatments.
- **150 rides** and **504 gas cards** were provided.
- **170 cancer screenings** were completed.

Grantees reported that this initiative offered the ability to provide individuals the support they needed to access care that they may not have been able to access otherwise. Reported success factors included community trust, navigation services, and community partnerships. Services accessed included cancer screenings, diagnostic imaging, cancer treatments and clinical trial visits.

Sun Safety

VCP Focus Area: Prevention

In partnership with the Virginia Department of Health, CACV provided sunscreen dispensers, posters, and sample sun safety policy guidelines to 33 park and recreation facilities across the state. This initiative is part of our efforts to implement cancer plan strategies for Prevention Goal 6: Reduce exposure to ultraviolet radiation from the sun.

Radon Testing

VCP Focus Area: Prevention

CACV purchased 1,000 home radon test kits to be distributed through the Virginia Department of Health Radon Test Kit Program. This program offers test kits to Virginia residents. This initiative is part of our efforts to implement cancer strategies for Prevention Goal 7: Reduce exposure to radon and other environmental substances linked to cancer.

Thoracic Multidisciplinary Journal Club

VCP Focus Area: Diagnosis & Cancer Directed Therapy

CACV hosted an educational event in partnership with UVA Cancer Center focusing on the latest in diagnosis and treatment of lung cancer. The event was attended by 35 medical oncologists and advanced practitioners from community and academic-based practices. This initiative is part of our efforts to implement cancer strategies for Diagnosis & Cancer Directed Therapy Goal 9: Increase availability and access to current evidence-based diagnosis and treatment options following national standards.

The coalition's task forces and workgroups focus efforts on specific areas of the Virginia Cancer Plan. The work of these groups is highlighted below.

Virginia HPV Immunization Taskforce (VHIT)

VCP Focus Area: Prevention and Health Equity

The Virginia HPV Immunization Taskforce (VHIT) was established in 2017 to prevent HPV-related cancers by increasing HPV vaccination across the Commonwealth. VHIT membership is comprised of diverse stakeholders from across Virginia including clinicians, healthcare administrators, public health professionals, school employees, and researchers. VHIT members represent many sectors including public health, healthcare systems, industry, education, and non-profit organizations.

Over the last year, VHIT focused efforts on supporting healthcare providers and staff to make a strong recommendation to parents to ensure children are vaccinated against HPV on time. This is a focus for VHIT because research shows that a strong provider recommendation is a major factor in a parent's decision whether or not to vaccinate. To this end, VHIT has developed and piloted a toolkit for dental care teams to support them in making a strong recommendation and creating a pro-immunization environment. In addition, a resource was launched to support primary care and other providers to make a strong recommendation using research-tested messaging specific to Virginia.

In honor of HPV Awareness Day on March 4, VHIT and its partners including ImmunizeVA and the American Association of Pediatrics (Virginia Chapter) rolled out a targeted campaign to encourage Virginia healthcare providers, parents, and guardians to have children aged 9 and over receive their HPV vaccine.

While Virginia's HPV vaccination rates overall have increased in recent years, they are still far from where we need to be, and disparities persist for rural and uninsured populations.

VHIT hosted three meetings with members in 2023 which provided education and updates on relevant topics including: the status of HPV vaccination rates and data in Virginia, research and tools related to engaging dental care professionals about HPV and supporting school nurses to improve HPV vaccination rates in their school populations.

Virginia Colorectal Cancer Roundtable (VCCRT)

VCP Focus Area: Early Detection and Health Equity

The Virginia Colorectal Cancer Roundtable (VCCRT), a priority workgroup of the Cancer Action Coalition of

Virginia, is a volunteer group made up of almost 80 advocates, focusing on colorectal cancer prevention and control. Together, members work to reduce the burden of colorectal cancer and achieve 80% screening rates in every Virginia community. VCCRT key activities in 2023 include:

2023 Southeastern Colorectal Cancer Consortium Conference

VCCRT hosted the 2023 Southeastern Colorectal Cancer Consortium Conference in Norfolk in June. The meeting was attended by 160 people representing 23 states. Throughout the conference, there was a focus on collaboration, lead time messaging, and innovation in screening methods with a focus on new blood-based tests. Special attention was placed on the sharp rise of early onset colorectal cancer with dedicated discussion on the importance of lead time messaging with young adults who are not yet at the screening age of 45.

Hampton Roads Regional Action Planning

On December 1, VCCRT partnered with the Hampton Roads Regional Cancer Disparities Collaborative to host a regional colorectal cancer roundtable meeting. The meeting was attended by 33 partners who worked to develop an action plan specific to their community.

Targeted Social Media Campaign

VCCRT worked with the American Cancer Society (ACS) to implement the “I Love You, Get Screened” campaign on Facebook. The sponsored posts were pushed out to 14 counties in Southwest Virginia and three localities in Hampton Roads. The posts resulted in 4,500 community members being navigated to the ACS website for additional information on colorectal cancer.

CRC Awareness Building

VCCRT partnered with UVA Cancer Center and Stone Mountain Health System to raise awareness of the importance of colorectal cancer screening at a local food pantry in St. Paul, Virginia. The partners distributed colorectal cancer information to 70 community members which raised awareness of local healthcare resources in the region.

Virginia Breast Cancer Task Force (VBCT)

VCP Focus Area: Early Detection and Health Equity

In 2022, CACV established the Virginia Breast Cancer Task Force in partnership with the Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation and Every Woman’s Life Program. This task force will work on implementing the goals and objectives for breast cancer across the continuum, with a focus on equity, outlined in the Virginia Cancer Plan.

The task force is comprised of 40 individuals representing over 20 organizations. The task force met multiple times and surveyed stakeholders to determine the taskforce structure and focus. The key focus area will be to address disparities in breast cancer screening, diagnosis, and treatment specifically in Black and Latina women. The group will look at what the potential causes are for the disparities and then create focus groups to work on addressing these causes.

Virginia Cancer Survivorship Task Force (VCST)

VCP Focus Area: Survivorship & Palliative Care and Health Equity

This year, CACV established the Virginia Cancer Survivorship Task Force to address the goals and objectives in the Survivorship and Palliative Care section of the Virginia Cancer Plan. The task force is comprised of 40

individuals including cancer survivors representing over 20 organizations.

Initial efforts have been made to collect data on survivorship programs available in Virginia which will help understand gaps in programs and support services. To better understand the cancer patient experience in Virginia, CACV and VCST partnered with the Cancer Support Community to increase participation of Virginia cancer patients and caregivers in the Cancer Experience Registry.

Virginia Cancer Patient Navigator Network (VaCPNN)

VCP Focus Area: Diagnosis & Cancer Directed Therapy; Survivorship & Palliative Care; and Health Equity

CACV partnered with the Virginia Cancer Patient Navigator Network (VaCPNN) in 2022 to engage members in both organizations and to share resources. VaCPNN, established in 2007, represents navigators across the state who strive to eradicate barriers and enhance outcomes for patients, families, and the healthcare team through education, networking, and mutual support. VaCPNN is comprised of over 50 navigators of all kinds representing more than 15 organizations from across the state.

In 2023, VaCPNN held four quarterly meetings with great attendance from navigators from across the Commonwealth. These meetings are focused on education and networking for the group's membership. Additionally, baseline data was collected, and targets set for goals 10.3 and 10.4 in the Virginia Cancer Plan. This will serve as a starting point for increasing the connections with nurse navigators in general as well as those in the defined underserved areas. In the coming year VaCPNN will be working on strategies for achieving the targeted membership goals.

CACV Quarterly Meetings and the Virginia Cancer Conference

The purpose of CACV quarterly meetings is to disseminate the latest available and locally applicable cancer prevention and control information to the entire membership. These quarterly meetings align with the goals and objectives of the VCP.

Quarterly meetings were held in March, June, and December. The total attendance at quarterly meetings in 2023 was over 250. The topics of 2023 quarterly meetings included:

March

- Virginia Cancer Plan 2023-2027 Overview (*VCP Overall*)
- Cardinal Care: Virginia's Medicaid Program (*VCP Overall*)
- Legislative Update (*VCP Overall*)
- Member Spotlight: Healthy Living & Learning Center (*VCP Prevention*)
- Nutrition & Cancer Prevention (*VCP Prevention*)

June

- Member Spotlight: Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation (*VCP Early Detection*)
- HPV & Oral Cancer (*VCP Prevention*)
- Latest Trends in the Oncology Workforce in Virginia (*VCP Overall*)
- Carolina Breast Cancer Study (*VCP Early Detection and Diagnosis & Therapy*)
- Cancer Experience Registry (*VCP Survivorship & Palliative Care*)
- Diversifying the Cancer Care Workforce (*VCP Health Equity*)

December

- Every Woman's Life Program (*VCP Screening*)
- New Lung Cancer Screening Guidelines (*VCP Screening*)
- Overview of Key Issues Relating to Cancer in the Upcoming General Assembly (*VCP Overall*)
- Virginia Cancer Plan Implementation & Progress (*VCP Overall*)

Virginia Cancer Conference 2023

The Virginia Cancer Conference is a biennial event hosted by the Cancer Action Coalition of Virginia. The purpose of the Virginia Cancer Conference is to provide education and training to key stakeholders in the Virginia cancer community. The conference is attended by physicians, nurses, clinical social workers, patient navigators, health educators, survivors, caregivers, advocates, and community members.

The Virginia Cancer Conference "*Moving Forward Together*" was held in Richmond on September 28-29, 2023. The conference was attended by 150 individuals representing all areas of Virginia. The following topics were discussed during the conference:

- Cancer in Virginia: Where are we?
- You & the Virginia Cancer Plan
- Equity in Cancer Care
- Community Engagement in Underserved Communities
- Patient and Family Centered Care: Why Is It Important
- Occupational Cancer
- Supporting Children During and After Cancer Treatment
- Tobacco Cessation in Virginia: Services and Resources for You
- Alcohol and Cancer
- Cancer and Policy
- Improving Access to Clinical Trials
- New Practices for Cancer Treatments – Lung, Breast, Colon
- Best Practices for Getting Patients to Complete Screening Orders
- Mental Health Across the Cancer Continuum

The conference evaluations were positive with 99% of attendees who strongly agreed or agreed that they learned new and useful information about cancer prevention, policy, and treatment. The next Virginia Cancer Conference is planned for 2025.

Appendix: House Joint Resolution No. 56, 2010 Session

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 56

Requesting the Virginia Cancer Plan Action Coalition to report annually on changes to the Virginia Cancer Plan to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Joint Commission on Health Care. Report.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 8, 2010,

Agreed to by the Senate, March 2, 2010

WHEREAS, cancer is the leading cause of death for people under age 65 in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, between 2001 and 2005, over 154,000 cases of cancer were diagnosed and over 67,000 people died from cancer in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Health identified the need to address cancer as a public health issue and established the Cancer Control Project in January of 1998; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Cancer Control Project, the Virginia Department of Health initiated development of the Virginia Cancer Plan, a state cancer plan for the prevention and control of cancer, and established the Cancer Plan Action Coalition to create the plan; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Cancer Plan sets forth the state's goals and strategies for all areas of comprehensive cancer control, and includes baseline data, measurable objectives, guidance for design, implementation, surveillance, and evaluation of cancer-related actions and issues for the general public, people with cancer and their families, health care providers, policymakers, and the broader health care system; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Cancer Plan is regularly updated; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring,

That the Virginia Cancer Plan Action Coalition be requested to report annually on changes to the Virginia Cancer Plan to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Joint Commission on Health Care. The Virginia Cancer Plan Action Coalition shall submit to the Division of Legislative Automated Systems an executive summary and report of its progress in meeting the request of this resolution no later than the first day of the 2011 Regular Session of the General Assembly. The executive summary and report shall be submitted for publication as a report document as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.