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Dear Ms. Hinton:

I want to first apologize for the time that has passed without follow-up to our site visit. Although we continued conversations immediately upon our return to Atlanta, there should not be such a delay in written correspondence. Thank you and everyone from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control for your graciousness during this site visit. The interaction with you, Sonya Younger and your entire Cancer Prevention and Control team has given us added insight into how cancer control and prevention activities are being developed and implemented in South Carolina.

Enclosed is a report of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) site visit with the South Carolina Cancer Prevention and Control Branch on April 8-10, 2015. This site visit report provides an overview of the activities conducted during this site visit, as well as documents recommendations and action steps that were proposed during my time with your program.

Please contact me at 770.488.0971 or TPyron@cdc.gov if you have any questions or concerns about the attached report.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: CDC Site Visit Report

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Recipient/Partner:	South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control
Site Visit Date(s):	April 8 – 10, 2015
FOA#:	CDC-RFA-DP12-1205, Cancer Prevention and Control Program for State Territorial and Tribal Organizations
Program Manager:	Sonya Younger, MBA
Project Officer:	Trina S. Pyron, MA
Focus and Priority Site Visit Objectives:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase CDC's knowledge of the South Carolina Comprehensive Cancer Control Program's organizational infrastructure and its capacity to carry out recipient activities 2. Gain a deeper understanding of the successes and challenges that arise from the implementation of interventions to address NCCCCP Priorities 3. Learn how SCCCCP collaborates with other cancer related partner organizations 4. Examine coordination with other chronic disease and risk factor focused programs within the health department 5. Provide on-site technical assistance as needed
Key Participants	
Program team members and management:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SC Department of Health and Environmental Control, Deputy Director of Preventive Services – Lisa Davis 2. Bureau of Community Health and Chronic Disease Prevention, Bureau Director – Joe Kyle 3. Division Director – Stephanie Hinton, CPM, MHS, MA 4. Program Manager – Sonya Younger, MBA 5. Evaluator – Krystal Johnson, Ph.D., MA
Recipient's partner organizations and key contacts:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wise Woman Program Director – Linda Pekuri, MPH, RD, LD 2. BCN Program Director – Amelyn Olson, DrPH, RN, CHES, CAPM

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Notable accomplishments, challenges/issues, success stories, and/or specific data-related issues:

Infrastructure and capacity

- Discussion of the health department's organizational structure went a long way to improve understanding of the strengths and challenges the program encounters that effect its capacity to implement the comprehensive cancer control program.
- The use of collaborative teams provides a framework that emphasizes and promotes collaboration.
- Discussions with upper management reflected sincere support for the program. A solid understanding of the program goals, as well as, implementation challenges has created an environment for efficient and effective guidance as well as timely feedback as needed
- Budget processes are efficient and the program has consistently and successfully spends funds in appropriate ways.
- Meeting with directors of the Wise Woman and BCN programs show collaborators across chronic disease programs. Program objectives show an understanding of cancer priorities and reflect synergies that prevent duplication of efforts and maximize use of resources

Review of Action Plan

- Discussion of the action plan helped ensure progress is being made in accomplishing short-term and intermediate objectives. The action plan is well written and provides a significant level of detail to fully describe the work and intended accomplishments of the Program.
- The action plan does a good job at providing a structure to document and assure key implementation milestones are met for each strategy.

Review of evaluation activities, planning and reporting

- Discussions with the program evaluator included a review of the program logic model and the evaluation plan. Also, a review of the SC Cancer Report Card emphasized how the report card complements the evaluation plan and can provide much needed evidence to support programmatic decisions surrounding implementing interventions.
- Plans are underway for the development of a larger Division wide evaluation plan that will build on program synergies.

Partnership with the SCCA and the Coordinating Council

- The SCCA has a good mix of large statewide organizations and key community leaders.
- During the meeting, there was a balanced emphasis on local implementation and broad efforts towards statewide policy, system and environmental change.
- There is a clear, strong, positive relationship between the coalition and the state agency; built on mutual respect for each entities abilities, capacity, and resources.
- Atmosphere of collaboration reflected by the workgroups
- Visible connection between CCC priorities, the program action plan and coalition workgroup activities.

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South Carolina Cancer Plan

- SCCA working closely with CCCP staff to develop the new SC Cancer Control Plan (Cancer Plan) 2016 – 2021, with annual updates as needed. Currently cancer surveillance is assessed annually. The CCCP and SCCA plan to disseminate annual surveillance data via the South Carolina Cancer Report Card in which there are discussions underway regarding incorporating the "report cards" into the Cancer Plan.
- The program plans to review the SC Cancer Plan within the first 90 days of the award to ensure that all components of the current FOA are addressed including PSE based strategies.

Recommendations:

- CDC encourages the program to increase its collaborative work across the SC Bureau of Chronic Disease Prevention.
- Explore areas where the program can work more closely with local health departments on implementation of cancer priorities. Look for areas where cancer priorities can be reflected in the community health assessment processes underway.
- The program should review the action plan to ensure that objectives focused on implementing specific interventions clearly show any changes that have occurred as a result of the activity.
- In the area of evaluation, work to increase measures that take a deeper dive into activities by increasing the number of outcome measures.

Follow-Up Actions/Next Steps:

- CDC will connect program with National Networks to assist with technical assistance and guidance around working with populations experiencing cancer prevention and control health disparities.
- SC staff will work closely with CDC project officer regarding evaluation activities and revision of the action plan.