

PA Colorectal Cancer Workgroup 2/8/22

Meeting consisted of attendee initiative sharing and resource sharing. Including attendee names and items shared should anyone want to inquire directly for more info on an initiative.

- Holly Dolan & Eugene Lengerich (Penn State) – Educating and mobilizing CHWs with Get Checked PA. Looking at research for self and home tests for rural communities which includes CRC and HPV. Looking into working with ambulatory surgical centers for help connecting. Also hosting a monthly Spanish education series on CRC screening. Sever helpful links on these topics shared below:

[Spatial relationship between ambulatory surgery centers and colorectal cancer mortality within Pennsylvania, United States - ScienceDirect](#)

[Impact of Social Support on Colorectal Cancer Screening among Adult Hispanics/Latinos: A Randomized Community-based Study in Central Pennsylvania | Cancer Prevention Research | American Association for Cancer Research \(aacrjournals.org\)](#)

[Hispanic/Latino Cancer Community Advisory Board \(CAB\) – The Office for Cancer Health Equity \(psu.edu\)](#)

- Jenny Day (Primary Health Network) – Network wide performance improvement projects with Quality Coordinators and CHWs doing outreach to patients. Have new grant from Dept. of Health.
- Maria Abunto (Exact Sciences) – Disseminating and providing education grass roots visiting barber shops, beauty salons, etc. to share info on CRC screening. Also shared information on funding opportunities through new Focus Grants for CRC screening projects. If interested, the request for proposal is linked here: [FOCUS Program RFP 1-23.pdf | Powered by Box](#)
- Eveline Phillips (Penn Medicine) – Collaboration between CRC Alliance and Independence Blue Cross for Screening and Education program
- Kathleen Bryte & Mary McLaughlin (UPMC Hillman at Passavant) – 2x per year community CRC screening event which is virtual with FIT education and testing provided with very good compliance rates. Working to expand to Hispanic churches and others to focus on impacting the high rate of late-stage CRC cancers. Also utilizing outreach by phone and working to expand to synagogues and mosques.
- Margaret O’Grady (Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center) – Outreach for screening to high-risk populations but also corporations. Offering live scheduling for colonoscopy at events. Focusing on staff training and education and utilizing the traveling colon for added presence with community outreach. Interested in addressing language barriers for populations in their area.
- Diana Fox, Aimee Anderson, Kacie Jankoski (American Cancer Society) – ACS works closely with many health systems in PA on funded and unfunded quality improvement projects. Working on expansion to additional sites in Western PA following a yearlong CRC screening cohort which

included the Latterman Clinic, Primary Health Care Services and Broad Top Health Center focused on increasing CRC screening rates. Results at participating sites for CRC screening rate increases ranged from 4.6% to 42.6% through systematic focus on evidence-based interventions including provider education, client reminders, patient education and barrier reduction.

- Lyn Roberson (UPMC Hillman & University of Pittsburgh) - Responsible for 29 counties in catchment area. Many clinics refer patients directly to her for FIT testing and education and follow-up which she can provide in different languages. Additional emphasis on identified high late-stage CRC counties including Elk, Mercer, Washington, Green and Fayette.
- April Barry (Dept of Health) – Working on providing training to FQHCs on multicomponent interventions slated for Spring 2023.

Next meeting **March 8th from 9am – 10am**. Maria from Exact Sciences offered to present on Health Equity and Disparities including language and health literacy barriers during a portion of the meeting.