

PCC Disparities Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes 12/15/20

Attendees: Karen Schwaderer, Bette Grey, Charnita Zeigler-Johnson, Monica Fisher, Chrissy Valania, Nate Burden, Gene Lengrich, Peggy Rosenweig, Cheryl Bungardner

COVID-19

- Health equity has brought so much to light this year
- Consider evaluation on how cancer centers are addressing disparities as well as sharing info on vaccine as it relates to cancer

Colorectal Cancer-

- Update on policy changes regarding Removing Barriers to Colorectal Cancer Screening Act
- Bipartisan-Unanimously approved
- Must be taken up by the Senate before heading to the President's desk
- Consider education/opportunity with Office of MA Programs closing the cost for now---Follow up with Policy and Communication for this
- Invite Dave Buono (insurance commission—membership committee) to next call

Genetics-

- Causes of disparities in genetics access
- Policy Subcommittee group notes the Henrietta Lacks Enhancing Cancer Research Act passed in the US house (headed for the senate). Will push for US Government Accountability Office to study federal policies that directly impacts the participation rates of traditionally underrepresented populations in cancer clinical trials.

Men's Health-

- DAC conversation—what are the questions we have about men's health--

Communications-

- Video update—Monica, Sharon, Oralia reviewed outline for video and overall vision. Agreed to move forward. CAB approved video.
- Oralia Dominic lead, Monica Fisher technical assistance
- Timeline 2021
 - 4 goals:
 1. Raise awareness of CAB PCC
 2. Show magnitude of cancer disparities in PA
 3. Portray individual stories
 4. Describe and enhance CAB PCC efforts in addressing health disparities and cancer burden in PA
- Plan to be available to general public (PCC website, etc)
- Seeking additional funding and resources