

PA Cancer Coalition (PCC) Disparities Subcommittee

February 2021 Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Barbara Jackson, Christina McEachern, Karen Schwaderer, Gene Lengrich, Monica Fisher, Peggy Rosenzweig, Chrissy Valania (co-chair), Charnita Zeigler-Johnson (co-chair)

- Disparities needs a new Co-Chair

Chrissy has accepted a new position at Geisinger and for that will have to leave the disparities subcommittee.

Please reach out to Chrissy or Charnita regarding your interest in joining the PCC Executive Team

- Men's Health (focus on black men in PA)

Disparities has been charged with identifying why such significant disparities exist within the community.

Plan to create an infographic that can be presented to the PA Cancer Caucus members and other members of the PA governmental body.

Ask of Disparities members -- to create a one page of information in regard to each of the disease or health risk factors outlined in the distributed table.

Discussion on COVID-19 outcomes associated with comorbid diseases.

Brief reports focused on Disparities: in disease rates and risk factor prevalence. Focus on counties that are experiencing high rates and how is that changing over time. Trending up or down. What factors contribute to the disparities?

Is there information collected on "social supports"? Add this to the table.

Identify top 5 cancers (Charnita, Peggy, Karen/Melissa)—mortality and incidence

- Video Development

Proposal is close to completed and hoping to move forward.

- Next Steps

Charnita will reach out to the small group on how to proceed on one-page briefs for men's health topics.

Future meetings of the Disparities Sub-Committee will occur every 2-3 months.