

PCC Men's Health Work Group Meeting

Called by Patrick Loftus

Date: June 17, 2026

Time: 10:00 am-10:45 am

Attendees: Patrick Loftus, Pam Schauer, Greg Radick, Charnita Zeigler-Johnson

Meeting Summary and Key Points:

Faith-Based Outreach Initiative

- The group reviewed progress on the recently distributed faith-based prostate cancer awareness letter.
- Approximately 50–55 faith leaders, faith-based organizations, fraternities, and related contacts received the outreach materials. Additional contacts were provided through partner organizations and existing community networks to broaden distribution.
- Members discussed ways to track dissemination and estimate overall reach through participating faith leaders and organizations.
- Positive feedback was received regarding the inclusion of patient, clinician, and faith leader perspectives within the outreach materials.

Community and Advocacy Updates

- An update was provided on a recent Black Men's Health and Prostate Cancer awareness event held in Pittsburgh during Men's Health Month. The event was well attended and focused on prostate cancer awareness, men's health, advocacy efforts, and community engagement.
- Discussion highlighted ongoing efforts to advance Pennsylvania legislation that would provide no-cost prostate cancer screening for high-risk men. Planning continues for a statewide prostate cancer education and advocacy event scheduled for September during Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

Community Engagement and Partnership Activities

- Updates were shared regarding community-focused cancer outreach efforts occurring across Pennsylvania. Discussion emphasized the importance of strengthening partnerships with community organizations, faith-based groups, healthcare providers, and advocacy organizations.
- Continued collaboration with statewide and national partners remains a priority for expanding awareness and engagement.

Upcoming Events and Outreach Opportunities

- Members discussed upcoming cancer education and community engagement events taking place across Pennsylvania. Opportunities to increase visibility of men's health and prostate cancer awareness efforts were highlighted.
- The group agreed that continued outreach through trusted community organizations remains an effective strategy for reaching high-risk populations.

Next Steps

- Continue dissemination of the faith-based outreach materials through additional community and organizational networks.
- Support ongoing advocacy and awareness efforts related to prostate cancer screening legislation. Promote participation in upcoming Prostate Cancer Awareness Month activities and educational events.
- Explore additional opportunities to engage faith-based organizations and community partners in future outreach initiatives.

Closing

The meeting concluded with discussion of future outreach opportunities, appreciation for partner collaboration, and continued commitment to advancing men's health and prostate cancer awareness efforts across Pennsylvania.

Next Meeting: July 2026.