

DISPARITIES PRIORITY AREA WORKGROUP

Cancer Alliance
of Texas



Cancer affects some parts of the Texas population more than others. For example, some racial and ethnic groups are more likely to have cancer discovered at a later stage. Late diagnosis can lead to higher risk of death.

Cancer health disparities are differences in cancer occurrence and outcomes between different populations. These disparities are due to factors such as:

- Income
- Education
- Insurance coverage
- Race
- Ethnicity
- Geographic area
- Sex

Purpose Statement

To strengthen the capacity of Cancer Alliance of Texas members in connecting and partnering with diverse Texans on cancer-related activities that reduce disparities.

Texas Cancer Plan (Plan) Goal

The Disparities Priority Area Workgroup (PAW) helps address the following goals from the Plan:

- Increase screening and treatment for Texans at high risk for Hepatitis B and C infections to reduce new cases and deaths from liver cancer.

- Increase timely access to quality cancer diagnostic, treatment, and palliation services for all Texans.

Current Activities

Members of the Disparities PAW work together on the following activities:

- Distribute educational tools, including:
 - Community Advisory Board Best Practices Guide
 - Hepatitis B and C and Liver Cancer Booklet
- Develop a best practices booklet on social determinants of health in cancer care.
- Leverage current member networks and plan outreach strategies to engage new members, particularly in East Texas and the border region.
- Develop an archive of community outreach activities for resource sharing and reporting.

Are you interested in joining the Disparities PAW?

To become a member, email the Texas Comprehensive Cancer Control Program (CancerControl@dshs.texas.gov).



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