

Strategic Alliances Steering Committee

Chair: Randi Rycroft

Proposed Committee name change: Strategic Planning Steering Committee

Goal 1 NAACCR's strategic plan serves to advance the mission of the organization

Objective 1. Conceptualize and recommend strategic direction for NAACCR.

Objective 2. Analyze potential strategies using a consistent, systematic approach

Objective 3. On an annual basis, coordinate with other Steering Committees to align Board strategy with SC strategy

Objective 4. Oversee the Strategic Management Plan renewal process

Goal 2 NAACCR maintains a complement of partnerships and alliances that promote and enhance NAACCR's mission

Objective 1. Systematically evaluate stakeholder and competitor organizations to understand their relationships to and influence on NAACCR.

Objective 2. Develop strategies for engaging with potential new partners.

Objective 3. Examine the existing partnerships to optimize their contributions to NAACCR.

Standardization and Registry Development

Chairs: Lori Koch and Wendy Aldinger

Goal 1 Prepare for the cancer surveillance system of the future – a system that is more timely, responsive, and adaptable to change.

Objective 1. Analyze how cancer surveillance systems will interface with electronic health data and continue to assess semantic interoperability issues.

Objective 2. Engage with and appraise national/international efforts regarding informatics initiatives, electronic health records and other IT technologies as they relate to central cancer registries.

Objective 3. Identify, analyze, and assess emerging cancer surveillance data sources to assist registries with ensuing data storage, computing infrastructure and operational needs.

Objective 4. Investigate and promote increased registry incorporation of informatics to optimize registry operations.

Goal 2 Establish consensus standards and best practices for the collection and processing cancer and patient information.

Objective 1. Organize consensus-based standards volumes and implementation guidelines.

Objective 2. Develop methods to simplify the death clearance process to improve efficiency.

Objective 3. Enable the facilitation of automation of record consolidation by developing general principles and consolidation guidelines.

Objective 4. Evaluate recommendations of timeliness initiatives to identify commonalities and feasibility.

Objective 5. Collaborate with the Research and Data Use Steering Committee to develop best practices for inter-state de-duplication

Objective 6. Collaborate with Research and Data Use Steering Committee to develop minimum/targeted data sets.

Goal 3 Investigate and develop innovative uses of cancer registries by identifying emerging initiatives and new roles that bring value-added benefits to cancer surveillance, research, and cancer control.

Objective 1. Investigate and recommend opportunities for cancer registries to improve cancer surveillance, control, and research. For example: Childhood Cancer Registry

Objective 2. Investigate the process and feasibility of setting up and maintaining virtual population-based tumor banks

Objective 3. Develop best practices for conducting linkages to enhance registries

Research and Data Use

Chairs: Jeff Dowden and Sarah Nash

Goal: Increase use of central cancer registry data.

Objective 1. Assess relevance and demonstrate value of central cancer registries to the cancer control community, clinicians, researchers, and the public [in collaboration with Communications Priority Area].

Objective 2. Develop efficient processes to improve access to North American population-based cancer registry data.

Objective 3. Improve the research and data use capacity of NAACCR Member Registries and external researchers [in collaboration with Professional Development Priority Area]

Professional Development (PD)

Chairs: Carrie Bateman, Andrea Sipin-Baliwas

Goal 1: Develop and implement strategies to recruit and retain personnel in central cancer registries by enhancing career opportunities for individuals with diverse skill sets.

Objective 1: Partner with other professional organizations (e.g., AHIMA, NCRA, APHA) to address recruitment and retention issues.

Objective 2: Establish collaborative approaches to make career opportunities more attractive to individuals with skill sets and expertise to build and implement the cancer registry of the future.

Objective 3: Bring top central registry staff together to brainstorm best practices.

Objective 4: Collaborate with NCRA and other groups to address data quality from non-cancer registry/non-US outsourcing firms.

Objective 5: Engage new members through the Member Ambassador Program to encourage involvement in NAACCR activities.

Goal 2: Develop a comprehensive multidisciplinary training program to ensure that NAACCR members possess the requisite skill sets to excel in the rapidly changing cancer surveillance environment.

Objective 1: Produce a training program that includes core competencies in the areas of leadership, management, registry operations, epidemiology/statistics, IT, research support and data security to prepare members for management positions and to provide for a talented and reliable supply of future NAACCR leaders.

Objective 2: Coordinate an inter-registry mentorship program with opportunities for registry staff to observe operations and best practices of highly successful registries.

Objective 3: Support and guide University level curriculum for central cancer registries with other interested organizations.

Communications Steering Committee

Chair: Antoinette (Nan) Stroup

Goal 1 Develop an effective and efficient process for the systematic, timely review and publication of material submitted for the NAACCR Narrative Newsletter.

Objective 1. Explore and recommend potential process models to improve the collection, review, and editing of material submitted or requested for the NAACCR Narrative Newsletter.

Objective 2. Implement recommended process model.

Goal 2 Identify opportunities to enhance the content and broaden the distribution of the NAACCR Narrative Newsletter to expand readership.

Objective 1. Explore and recommend new content to address member interests and needs.

Objective 2. Explore and recommend potential special features targeting specific audiences such as CTRs, researchers, and cancer registry and surveillance partners.

Objective 3. Explore, recommend, and implement new strategies to disseminate content from the NAACCR Narrative Newsletter.

Goal 3 Improve member utilization of NAACCR online Forums for sharing best practices and obtaining member views and insights on specific cancer surveillance issues.

Objective 1. Assess member needs and evaluate current use of NAACCR online Forums.

Objective 2. Assess the feasibility of expanding Forum topics.

Objective 3. Implement a strategy to cultivate discussions and keep content fresh and relevant.