

Strategic Planning and Alliances Steering Committee
February 6, 2023
Meeting Notes

Attendance			
Members Present:	Dennis Deapen Randi Rycroft (chair) Stephanie Hill	Mignon Dryden Iris Zachary Monique Hernandez	Winy Roshala Mary Jane King
			NAACCR Staff Present: Karen Knight Ann Marie Hill
AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION		ACTION/FOLLOW-UP
<p>1. Roll – Karen</p> <p>2. Review of Strategic Initiatives and Completion of Feedback Form – Randi/All</p> <p>The purpose of the meeting is to discuss in what ways SPA SC can contribute to the Board’s Strategic Initiatives.</p> <p>The Board had said SPA SC may be able to contribute to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy & Advocacy • DEI • Informatics <p>The Board is focusing on their strategies and what will be assigned to SPA. Randi shared slides that were given to the Steering Committee chairs. Strategic priorities include certification, minimal dataset/partial records, race/ethnicity reporting, and informatics. Capacity development priorities are included also, including recruitment, recruitment/retention, advocacy.</p> <p>The Board thinks the following may be relevant for SPA SC: Informatics, promoting DEI (e.g., partnering with others that may help), advocacy and policy development.</p> <p>The Board has requested feedback from SPA SC by 2/24/2023. We will need to provide our input by e-mail.</p> <p>We do not have any concrete charges from the Board at this point.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Randi sees SPA SC can play a role in all three. Strategic alliances could be used for policy/advocacy and informatics, perhaps also DEI. <p>Diversity, Equity and Inclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monique said it may be helpful to connect to organizations that have implemented DEI in an organization. Perhaps SPA SC could investigate sources of guidance from a broad perspective. Randi asked if she thinks if this work should be at the SC level or at a higher NAACCR level. Monique said SPA SC could do the investigative approach to help support. • Winy said it would be important to consider the data elements as well, i.e., investigate all aspects and assess them. • Mary Jane said some of the aspects may not be within our control. • There was discussion about relative priority of these. • Monique thinks it may be good to provide some expertise to the Board. Mignon agrees this needs to start with the Board and that other SCs will have a role to play. • For workforce development, Stephanie said we may want to see if DEI is on NCRA's radar, and perhaps do something jointly (including the training piece). Dennis agreed with this. He also pointed out that NAACCR is an organization of registries – registry staffing, members of NAACCR committees, Board, etc. Stephanie said part of this is influencing the pool of candidates at registries. • Betsy said we could explore diversity of staff selected to attend NAACCR conferences. • Randi said perhaps we need to look at CDC and NCI policies that could potentially roll down to central registries. NAACCR would not have control, but would give NAACCR more understanding. They may also have resources. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Randi will send the completed form to the Board by 2/24.

Randi asked the group for questions/feedback.

Policy/Advocacy

- Dennis usually thinks of advocacy in terms of policy and legislation that impedes cancer surveillance. It is often the state health department/legislation that is not supportive of cancer capture/release. He supports NAACCR/NAACCR members being more vocal in this role.
- Ann Marie asked who handles policy/advocacy for NAACCR. Betsy said it is a Board responsibility. They may ask the office to draft something. Right now it's an informal process, based on member/partner awareness.
- Randi said being more purposeful in our strategic alliances, we may find organizations that could advocate on our behalf? Monique agreed alliances could educate on the importance and even existence of cancer surveillance. She also agreed could help with guidance/resources for how to advocate/educate for policy changes.
- Should NAACCR have a government relations workgroup?
- Betsy said NAACCR developed a template for state-based facts and figures for registries to use.
- Could develop other resources for different audiences in the state. Dennis said he has used something similar to inform legislators.
- Wendy said NCRA does a lot of this, so it would be good to partner with them. They provide sheets for representatives in their walks on the Hill.
- Randi said at state health departments, it is okay to educate but not lobbying. There may be a culture that educating puts it at risk. Ann Marie said influencing government relations staff.
- Ann Marie said ACS, Komen, Leukemia and Lymphoma, pediatric advocacy groups are doing a lot of advocacy and we could partner with them.
- Ann Marie suggested SPA SC identify priority areas and then identify potential partners.
- Stephanie: What about outside organizations that are already lobbying state governments for public health funding? Could we make strategic alliances with them and try to get on their agenda? Betsy: OVAC- we are members -- there may be others.

Informatics

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goals – include education of registries/members understand more about the world of informatics. • Mary Jane said registries need to understand why they might need a data scientist. What is needed for implementation. She said NAACCR should support informatics and data science, including investing in itself in order to provide standards for the community. • Discussed AI. • What is SPA’s role in informatics? Is it to build relationships with organizations with an understanding of informatics. • Iris said a lot of registries do a lot in public health informatics but do not call it that. She said it would be good to define the role NAACCR should play in informatics. Perhaps we are underplaying what we offer. • It is a massive field. The Board may need to direct SPA more on this one. • Betsy: the HLSG is trying to piece together players/projects in informatics. It may be clearer after their reporting, it may become clearer SPA’s role and next steps. • Randi: we may need to communicate the registries’ needs to the registry software vendors. • Dennis: goal is how we can release the data faster without sacrificing completeness and quality. <p>Important that we are not taking on all of these initiatives.</p> <p>Next steps: Randi/Karen will confer on filling out the form for the Board.</p>	
Next Meeting is scheduled for March 7 th at 11:30 am ET		