

Strategic Planning and Alliances Steering Committee
June 16, 2025
Meeting Notes

Attendance						
Members Present:		Monique Hernandez (co-chair)	Wendy Aldinger	Iris Zachary	NAACCR Staff Present:	Stephanie Hill
		Kevin Ward (co-chair)	Mary Jane King	Eric Durbin		Lori Havener
				Randi Rycroft		
AGENDA ITEM		DISCUSSION			ACTION/FOLLOW-UP	
1. Roll						
2. New co-chair and review meeting schedule						
a. Monique welcomed Kevin Ward as the new co-chair of SPA, replacing Randi Rycroft who will stay in the group as a member.						
3. SPA SC member review						
4. Review meeting notes					• Meeting notes were approved.	
5. Updates from the Board		Monique noted anxiety over pending notices of awards and shared insights from the "Doing Less with Less" birds-of-a-feather session. Stephanie proposed creating a repository to exchange registry tools and strategies. Karen mentioned NCRA and NAACCR, whose home office is based in Illinois, will have a meeting with the Illinois senator Dick Durbin to advocate for cancer registries.				
Eric said the annual conference went great and was well received. Strategies to advocate for continued funding for SEER and NPCR programs amidst budget constraints were discussed. Eric highlighted potential collaboration opportunities with ODHSI to improve data interoperability. Wendy added there was discussion on the need to potentially adjust NAACCR priorities once we know what contracts and cooperative agreements will look like.						
6. Portfolio for patient advocacy		Iris suggested reordering the content to emphasize public health surveys over scientific research. Eric suggested replacing scientific research with cancer research. Stephanie presented an idea for using personal stories and narratives to make population-based cancer data more relatable to the public. She shared some samples of what it could look like. Monique and Kevin expressed support for the concept, agreeing that it effectively communicates the human impact of cancer and could be enhanced by incorporating real patient experiences. It was suggested legal ramification be considered and we may want to use cancer survivors in the cancer registry community. Karen suggested creating a repository for registries to upload and share materials.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monique to draft email copy for listserv announcement about of SHARE site for materials and circulate to the group for review. • Monique to prepare content for the narrative article based on the listserv announcement. • Stephanie to meet with Ashley and Tricia to discuss creating a repository for sharing registry tools and strategies. 	
a. Communicating the value of cancer registries						
Monique shared the latest version of the one-page portfolio document. Monique noted that while static PDFs would be available, they would also offer customizable formats for registries to personalize with their contact information. Karen gave an overview of the one-pager created for the meeting with Senator Durbin, regarding the importance of cancer registries and NAACCR. The group discussed concerns about AI's role in cancer registry work, emphasizing that AI should be positioned as an assistant rather than a replacement for human expertise.						
7. Narrative or Social Media topics						
8. Liaison reports		It was suggested CAP collaborate with the XML Work Group to create a treatment level for multiple surgical procedures. Lori confirmed that CAP is on the agenda to discuss at the next XML meeting.				
Randi provided an update on the college's work group examining NCDB data elements, mentioning their intention to create user-defined fields for items not approved through the NAACCR process.						
9. Summarize meeting for reporting to the Board						
Next Meeting:		July 1, 2025@11:30-1:00 ET				