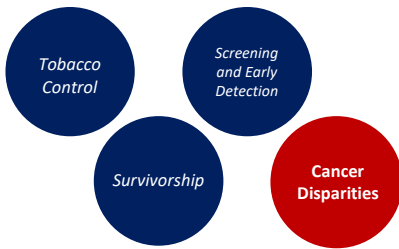


Cancer Alliance of Texas Priority Area Workgroups Spotlight On: Cancer Disparities



Purpose Statement: To strengthen the capacity of coalition members to connect and partner with diverse Texans on cancer prevention and control activities to reduce disparities.

TEXAS CANCER PLAN GOALS

The Cancer Disparities Priority Area Workgroup is focused on the following goals from the *Texas Cancer Plan*:

Goal 10: Increase screening and treatment for Texans at high risk for Hepatitis B and C infections to reduce new cases and deaths from liver cancer

Goal 12: Increase timely access to quality cancer diagnostic, treatment, and palliation services for all Texans

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

- The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
- Livestrong Foundation
- Baylor College of Medicine
- The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center - Harold C Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center
- The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio - Mays Cancer Center
- Texas Department of State Health Services

LEADERSHIP

Co-Chair: Lynne H. Nguyen, MPH
Program Director, MD Anderson

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Program Manager, Livestrong

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

- Assess and share culturally relevant screening, patient education, and treatment resources in various languages with coalition members
- Develop and facilitate trainings to increase coalition members' understanding and awareness of the impact of low health literacy and low health numeracy on health disparities
- Train coalition members on how to use plain language to communicate with diverse communities in meaningful, relevant, and compelling ways

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CANCER DISPARITIES PRIORITY AREA WORKGROUP?

Please contact Amanda Ivarra, Cancer Alliance of Texas Coordinator, at Amanda.Ivarra@dshs.texas.gov for more information.