Maryland Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan  
Cancer Disparities Committee  

July 14, 2010, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
Maryland DHMH, Room L-4

Co-Chair: Carlessia Hussein, DrPH, RN, Director, Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities; Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene  
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MEETING SUMMARY

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<td>Chapter Draft</td>
<td>• Work is still being done on the 'Social Determinants of Health' section.</td>
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<td>• ‘Factors Associated with Racial and Ethnic Cancer Disparities’ section: may be possible to add more discussion around the issue of provider lack of education on racial and other disparities; potentially include a discussion on racism and other ‘isms’.</td>
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<td>• Introduction: May be helpful to include a paragraph about race as a proxy for social determinants of health</td>
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<td>• Committee members are asked to send in specific language where they think changes should be made.</td>
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<td>• After comments and changes to the chapter draft are incorporated, a draft will be sent out to the committee for review.</td>
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### Finalize Goals/Objectives/Strategies

**Objective 1:**
- Not sure if the objective should be described as the minority vs. the white rate. The white rate may or may not be a good goal depending on what it is.
- It is informative to look at both white and black rates and to measure both the rates and the disparity change.
- This issue is being discussed by a subcommittee at the Center for Cancer Surveillance and Control – would like to handle this issue consistently throughout the Plan. When the numbers are filled into Objective 1, it will be sent to the committee.
- May be useful to include information in the text regarding the pros/cons of different ways to monitor health disparities

**Strategies for Objective 1**
- The strategies are currently bullet points and need to be written more completely (as has been done for the strategies under Objective 2). Darcy Phelan will work on this.
- Possible new topics for strategies: data collection; focus on provider education of disparity issues
- Include timely follow up of abnormal results in the strategy on screening

**Objective 2:**
- If list ‘other factors’ in the objective, include geographic, gender, GLBT
- There is an intentional focus in the strategies on statewide data
- Note: there may be an opportunity soon to discuss this objective with the Vital Statistics administration (strategy 3)

Note: Although the strategies are not completely fleshed out at this point, action steps will be determined when work begins on implementing this plan

### Assignments

- **Darcy Phelan:** Work on more completely writing strategies for Objective 1 – send in by end of Tuesday, July 20th.
- **Co-Chairs:** Work on the ‘Social Determinants of Health’ section
- **All Others:** Send in any additional language/ideas for the chapter text and Goals/Obj/Strategies

### Next Steps

- **Chapter due July 30th**
- After July 30th, chapter will go through an edit/layout/design phase before publication
- You will be contacted in the future regarding next steps for implementing the strategies.