

Strategic Planning and Alliances Steering Committee
September 5, 2023
Meeting Notes

Attendance		
Members Present:	Monique Hernandez Randi Rycroft (chair) Winy Roshala Mary Jane King	Jenna Mazreku Stephanie Hill
		NAACCR Staff Present: Karen Knight Ann Marie Hill
AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION/FOLLOW-UP
1. Roll – Karen		
2. Review August 1st notes – Randi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes were approved. Karen confirmed that the Steering Committee goals are due to the SMP WG by October 6th. 	
3. Updates from the Board – Winy Ann Marie asked if the Board had requested anything of SPA SC. Winy said there were some issues that were defaulted to SPA, but no specific requests at this point. Right now, the Board is focused on the Strategic Management Plan and the role of SPA SC in that Plan.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winy will discuss with Wendy how the Board will address requests of SPA SC in future Board meetings.
4. Update from reach out to Komen – Randi Randi shared her notes from her meeting with a Komen representative. Overall, it was a positive meeting, and she made a lot of “plugs” for NAACCR. He seemed receptive and excited about collaborating with NAACCR and our constituent partners.	Ann Marie said she thought Randi managed the meeting well, opening doors for NAACCR. Randi said they were focused only on SEER, likely because of Dr. Kurian’s experience working with SEER. She hopes they attend next year’s NAACCR conference. Randi said it may be good to invite them to present at the conference; Monique thought this was a good idea to highlight a collaboration.	
5. NAACCR membership benefits – Randi a. Finalize document – reviewed the document from last time. Discussed member-only benefits vs. those provided to the membership at large. Today, we will discuss for which items we would need to charge non-members.	Discussed different ways to approach creating a word cloud for use in communicating member benefits with others. Monique suggested deciding what to charge for and then only work with those that are member-only. Ann Marie said in some cases federal dollars are funding the activities so must be made freely available. Mary Jane said benefits to researchers are different than those for members-only. Ann Marie asked if it makes sense to rank only the member-only benefits. Determining what to charge for would be more complex. Randi asked what we would	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karen will send the latest version of the spreadsheet to all members. Members will rank all items for the Word cloud in order of importance by

<p>b. Ranking activity “homework” to create visual product – members will be asked to assign a rank and use that to populate a word cloud.</p> <p>c. Potential fees for non-members</p>	<p>learn by doing this? Ann Marie said you would learn what are the top benefits as perceived by this group and that is helpful for marketing and promotion. Randi asked what we would do with the information. Mary Jane said suggest doing this in two groups – those categorized for members and then those not categorized to learn. Ann Marie said networking and standardization may be perceived as a big benefit for members but not categorized as such. Monique said the word cloud could be used to engage volunteers or sharing information with other organizations.</p> <p>The conversation about whether to charge may be premature.</p> <p>Members – will rank all items for the Word cloud in order of importance by September 22nd and send it to Karen.</p>	<p>September 22nd and send to Karen.</p>
<p>6. Draft workplan goals to align with strategic priorities – Randi</p> <p>Reviewed strategic activities to add to the work plan:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Certification criteria (RDU, SPA and S&RD) – SPA’s role will be from a big picture perspective. This group has not been launched yet. (This effort is intended to start soon.) 2. Informatics/interoperability – CIAG knows this is coming, as does PD SC. SPA’s role is to monitor emerging trends and advise on NAACCR’s role. (Longer term) 3. Improving race and ethnicity reporting – RDU has started this. SPA’s role is to pay attention to what is happening outside of NAACCR; are we in compliance with standards outside of NAACCR? 4. Expanded training – SPA’s role to identify specialty topics beyond CTR-training. 5. Advocacy – SPA will need to lead this effort. 6. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Respect – SPA has already done some work on this, but this is on the back burner for now. Anjali’s work earlier this Spring will be available when it is time to revisit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certification – the SC already created a document of what makes a high-quality registry. For now, SPA SC would be complete on this item. For the work plan, <u>provide input/feedback to the Task Force upon request</u>. This may be a task level rather than a goal/objective. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stephanie noted Fernanda is working on coordinating updates to what was NAACCR Volume 3, and she suggested that they look at the list developed by SPA SC as they develop their “how to” guide. Ann Marie noted this sort of work is covered under existing objectives. ○ Mary Jane emphasized the Task Force will need to provide adequate time for SPA SC review. ○ Winny noted that chairs/members are being identified. ○ A task was added for this item. • Informatics/interoperability – Randi said one of the first things that needs to happen is educating the membership on what terms mean and what the impacts will be for registries. For instance, the interoperability breakout at the conference needs to be repeated. Karen said an announcement will come out soon for two repeat sessions this Fall. Ann Marie said PDSC will need help with this. Randi said SPA SC may be able to help NAACCR in terms of strategies, i.e., electronic case reporting and what that will mean for the registry community. NAACCR is also being tasked with aligning standards with emerging national interoperability standards. Monique said the impact of interoperability work will affect registries sooner. She suggested 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monique will reach out to Wendy to add her DEI resources to the Board.

during the webinars to ask attendees what else they want to learn. Stephanie said there is a small pool of informatics/interoperability experts; for SPA SC, are there other organizations that may have the expertise that could partner with us in some way? Monique asked whether ONC/Medicare could help. Ann Marie suggested we leverage cancer registries that are part of university cancer centers, since all of them have informatics expertise. Dennis noted that NCI has several programs that may be potential resources for technology training/products and as a partners. Two examples are NCI Center for Biomedical Informatics and Information Technology and NCI Cancer Informatics Program Have we thought of reaching out to them as well as cancer centers. Randi said it would be good to find out what SEER is already doing with these Centers. There may be good programs/individuals to provide resources/products/expertise. We will need to have a concrete list of questions to ask. Mary Jane said it is still difficult to have tools that read narrative reports. They do not currently have the same initiatives. Iris noted we will need CDC input as well. Mary Jane suggested sharing the list with S&RD SC/CIAG for vetting. See <https://datascience.cancer.gov/>, <https://grantome.com/grant/NIH/ZIH-CO020005-06>, <https://www.cdc.gov/surveillance/data-modernization/index.html> and <https://itcr.cancer.gov/>. Tasks were added for this items

- DEI&R – Monique said she discussed this topic with a colleague who suggested that NAACCR may need expert facilitation/support in addressing DEI; expertise would cost money but may be necessary. This person could present to SPA SC or the Board on options. Since this was not the top priority for the Board, Randi suggested presenting this information to the Board for their consideration.
- Improving race and ethnicity reporting – because this is a continuing topic, it is not clear what SPA SC’s role is. Stephanie said that RDU is looking at the codes we use for race/ethnicity, but she asked if the purpose of this was to address that health care providers are not documenting race. Is that within the scope of RDU? There was also a question about whether we should still be using race/ethnicity or are there other SES measures that would be more meaningful. But that conversation may still be within RDU’s wheelhouse. Ann Marie said this item

	<p>came from RDU (their ongoing efforts) and from the Board to make sure NAACCR has a commitment to health equity overall. She said it is okay if SPA SC decides to drop this from its list. Randi agreed that perhaps for now, we will not focus on this; but if there are other groups for which we can provide input, the topic can be brought back to SPA SC. Decision: no specific goal will be added for improving race and ethnicity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanded training – this activity was not discussed except for interoperability. • Advocacy – this activity was discussed for interoperability and is well covered for other areas so there may be no further changes needed. <p>The workplan will be finalized at the next meeting or via e-mail.</p>	
<p>7. Discuss Health Data Utilities – Randi</p> <p>See https://www.hcinnovationgroup.com/interoperability-hie/article/53063442/health-data-utility-from-vision-to-reality-in-many-states and Benefits for State Governments and Public Health - ONC TEFCA RCE (sequoiaproject.org); Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement (TEFCA) HealthIT.gov</p> <p>This item was not discussed due to lack of time.</p>		
<p>8. Liaison updates, if available – Randi/All</p> <p>This item was not discussed due to lack of time.</p>		
<p>9. Summarize meeting for reporting to the Board – Randi/All</p> <p>This item was not discussed due to lack of time.</p>		
<p>Next Meeting is scheduled for October 3rd, 11:30 – 1:00 ET</p>	<p>We will need to reschedule the October meeting due to conflicts with the SEER 50th meeting.</p>	<p>Karen will send a poll to reschedule the week of September 25th.</p>