

**Maryland Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan
Cancer Disparities Committee**

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

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MEETING SUMMARY

<u>AGENDA ITEM</u>	<u>DISCUSSION SUMMARY</u>
Chapter Draft	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work is still being done on the <i>'Social Determinants of Health'</i> section.• <i>'Factors Associated with Racial and Ethnic Cancer Disparities'</i> 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'.• <i>Introduction:</i> May be helpful to include a paragraph about race as a proxy for social determinants of health• Committee members are asked to send in specific language where they think changes should be made.• After comments and changes to the chapter draft are incorporated, a draft will be sent out to the committee for review.

<p>Finalize Goals/Objectives/Strategies</p>	<p><u>Objective 1:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p><u>Strategies for Objective 1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p><u>Objective 2:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) <p>Note: Although the strategies are not completely fleshed out at this point, action steps will be determined when work begins on implementing this plan</p>
<p>Assignments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<p>Next Steps</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.