MCC Health Equity Committee Charter

Committee Sponsor:

Who: The Michigan Cancer Consortium (MCC) Board of Directors

The Board of Directors, at its March 2016 meeting, authorized the formation of the Health Equity Committee.

Committee Name

How this committee will be known: MCC Health Equity Committee

Committee Mission / Purpose

The Health Equity Committee exists to foster the achievement of the highest level of health for all people by addressing cancer health disparities and the social determinants of health related to cancer.

Committee’s Authority

What this Committee can do:

The MCC Health Equity Committee can recommend proposed actions needed by the MCC to educate communities, organizations, stakeholders and policy makers about the MCC’s evidence-based priorities and practices related to the reduction of cancer health disparities defined as:

“differences in the incidence, prevalence, mortality, and burden of cancer and related adverse health conditions that exist among specific population groups.”

National Cancer Institute

What this Committee cannot do:

Function as a committee that is independent of the Michigan Cancer Consortium and its mission.
Committee Membership

The MCC Board of Directors supports interested members joining the Health Equity Committee. Members of this committee should be representative of the membership categories of the MCC.

Per the MCC Bylaws, XI. 2: The Board of Directors shall appoint members to the standing committees annually. Standing committees shall consist of one MCC Co-Chair or their designee, two members of the Board of Directors, and individuals from at least four MCC member organizations that do not have representatives on the Board of Directors.

Committee Key Responsibilities

1) Review targeted data to develop priorities to address cancer health disparities in Michigan. Utilize cancer registry, BRFS, MCC reports MCC annual survey data and meeting summaries.
2) Develop health disparities reduction priorities to be implemented by MCC members.
3) Disseminate strategies for engaging partners and communities.
4) Promote collaboration and best practices for health disparities reduction

Committee’s Decision-making Process / Conflict of Interest

Where there is a quorum (one third of voting members), motions before this committee shall be decided by a simple majority of the voting membership present (in person, by phone, or email).

Any decision of the Health Equity Committee that presents a conflict of interest shall be decided in accordance with the MCC’s Conflict of Interest policy.
Health Equity Committee Communications

The Health Equity Committee will communicate as appropriate with the MCC membership, MCC Board of Directors, officers, partner organizations and staff. The purpose of the communication will be to provide information on the progress of the committee, to seek input, feedback, and approval as needed and engage MCC members.

Committee Time Frame

Ongoing – Annual review by Committee and approval by the MCC Board of Directors