

Board of Scientific Advisors
***Ad Hoc* Working Group in Support of Efforts to Enhance Community Cancer
Research and Quality Care**

The NCI Board of Scientific Advisors (BSA) will convene an *ad hoc* Working Group to provide general guidance related to the development of efforts to increase community capacity to conduct cancer research and to enhance the ability to provide high quality cancer care. The Working Groups recommendation are to ensure that cancer research and the resulting interventions are applicable to and can be implemented in all communities. Of particular importance will be addressing the significant disparities in cancer outcomes in rural communities and in other populations impacted by challenges to optimal care and developing measurable metrics for assessing improvements. In addition, the Working Group will consider how best to identify and engage appropriate partners and recommend criteria (e.g., geography, cancer type, etc.) for consideration in the development of future efforts.

Working Group membership will include select NCI advisory board members, as well as individuals with expertise in community engagement, community-based participatory research, health inequities, cancer clinical trials, implementation science, health policy, and other domains.

The Working Group will advise the BSA, other relevant NCI Boards and Committees, and the NCI Director.