

The NCI
Director's Consumer Liaison Group
(DCLG)

Presentation to the
National Cancer Advisory Board

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What is the DCLG?

- Established in 1997 as the first all-consumer advisory committee at the NIH
- 15 consumers selected through a national nomination and review process; appointed by the NCI Director.
- Makes recommendations to the Director of NCI from the consumer advocate perspective on a wide variety of issues, programs, and research priorities.
- Provide an important link between NCI and the advocate community
- FACA committee similar to the NCAB, BSA, BSC, & PCP

Who are the members of the DCLG?

- Consumer Advocates were broadly defined as: Survivors of cancer or anyone who has been affected by the suffering and consequences or risk of cancer.
- Our members are cancer survivors, family members, caregivers, health care professionals, and consumer advocates.
- Our membership reflects the breadth and diversity of the cancer consumer advocacy community in expertise, regional distribution and cultural, ethnic and sexual orientation.

The DCLG Charter

The DCLG...

- serves as a primary forum to discuss issues and concerns and exchange viewpoints that are important to the broad development of NCI program and research priorities;
- provides recommendations to the Director, NCI, in response to specific advice and requests from the Director, NCI, and to the needs of the cancer advocacy community; and
- establishes and maintains strong collaborations between NCI and the advocacy community to reach common goals.

DCLG Members Involved at NCI

- DCLG Chair attends NCI Budget Planning Retreat
- caBIG™ - Liaison with CARRA Members
- Representative to the Clinical Trials Advisory Committee (in formation)
- The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA) Project
 - External Scientific Committee Representative
 - Data Release Workshop
- Office of Liaison Activities/Office of Cancer Survivorship
 - Survivor/Research Mentoring Program

Current Activities of the DCLG

- *NCI Listens & Learns* website
<http://ncilistens.cancer.gov>
- The first advocates' summit: *Listening and Learning Together, Building a bridge of trust*, June 19-20, 2006
- Town Hall Meeting hosted by the DCLG
- Five new DCLG members will be appointed in July to replace members with expired terms

DCLG Working Groups

- Agenda Working Group
- Summit Planning Working Group
- *NCI Listens and Learns* Working Group

NCI Listens and Learns

- The DCLG created the *NCI Listens and Learns* website and the Summit as a result of the responses to a 2003 NCI/DCLG survey of cancer advocacy groups.
- A Pilot on-line dialogue between the NCI, the cancer-related advocacy community and the general public:
<http://www.ncilistens.cancer.gov>
- NCI Programs posts topics for discussion and feedback for a two month period.
- NCI then responds describing how the feedback was used.
- The website is currently being evaluated.

Next Steps for the DCLG

- Considering new collaborations between NCI and the cancer-advocacy/survivorship community
- Call to Action – the DCLG is a part of NCI, and is eager to help.
- The DCLG will update the NCAB annually.
- We are open to questions and discussion.

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coordinates the NCI Director's consumer advisory committee. The is to the Director of NCI from the ariety of issues, programs, and research is become a model for increasing ing agendas, minutes from past ts please visit [g.htm](#).

Features

- "Listening and Learning Together: Building a Bridge of Trust," A Summit for Cancer Advocates
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