President’s Cancer Panel Update

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Outline

- President’s Cancer Panel
- 2009-2010 Report Release
- 2010-2011 Meeting Series
- 2011-2012 Meeting Series
The White House is preparing to appoint three new Panel members.

Executive Secretary: Abby Sandler, Ph.D.
Mission of the PCP

- The Panel shall monitor the development and execution of the activities of the National Cancer Program, and shall report directly to the President.

- Any delays or blockages in rapid execution of the Program shall immediately be brought to the attention of the President.
The report was released on April 27, 2011.
Print and online media channels—including many Spanish-language publications—covered the report in more than 200 outlets, reaching more than 4.6 million readers.
Radio coverage of the report aired over 11,000 times on over 3,000 radio stations, reaching more than 30 million listeners.
Television coverage of the report aired on 11 television outlets, reaching nearly 250,000 viewers.
2009-2010 Report: Recommendations

- Action must be taken to address the serious data deficiencies that undermine efforts to better understand and address cancer disparity issues.
- Data sharing among government agencies at all levels must be improved. Issues of data compatibility must be addressed.
- Outreach and training must be better supported to increase the diversity of the cancer research and care workforces.
- Cultural competency must become an integral part of medical school, other medical, and research training curricula.
- Basic, translational, clinical, population, and dissemination research on cancer health disparities must be increased.
- Exploration and evaluation of the benefit of patient navigation models and patient-centered medical home models of care in decreasing cancer and other health disparities should be continued.
2009-2010 Report: Recommendations

- Current cancer screening guidelines should be evaluated to determine their accuracy in assessing disease burden in diverse populations.
- Policies, including reimbursement policies, should be developed so that health care can be delivered in a manner that enables clinicians adequate opportunity to gather relevant sociocultural and medical information about their patients.
- The importance of language translation services must be appreciated. Providers and hospitals should ensure that professionally trained translators are available and utilized.
- Funding for reservation-based and urban Indian health care should continue to increase to improve access to cancer preventive, diagnostic, and treatment services, as well as the primary care services that are the gateway to appropriate cancer care.
Following a briefing with White House staff to present the report, the Panel was asked to consider the potential of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) to address the report’s recommendations.

The Panel responded by publishing an addendum to the report. Specific provisions of the PPACA have the potential to improve:

- Data collection, analysis, reporting, and sharing in health care.
- Health services research.
- Diversity and capacity of the health care workforce.
- Health information technology.

Although the PPACA was signed into law in March 2010, specific provisions continue to be the subject of debate in Congress, and the full impact of the legislation on both the health of Americans and the performance and efficiency of the U.S. health care system has yet to be realized.
2010-2011 Meeting Series

The Future of Cancer Research: Accelerating Scientific Innovation
2010-2011 Meeting Series

- Meeting information
  - Information flyer posted on PCP website: (http://deainfo.nci.nih.gov/advisory/pcp/At-a-Glance10-11.pdf)

- Dates and locations
  - September 22, 2010- Boston, MA
  - October 26, 2010- Philadelphia, PA
  - December 14, 2010- Bethesda, MD
  - February 1, 2011- Atlanta, GA

The report is slated for release in Spring 2012.
The Panel and its staff have been engaged in internal discussions about possible topics for a 2011-2012 series.

However, planning is currently on hold as we await the appointment of a new Panel.

Staff will discuss potential topics for the next series with the new Panel members.
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