

PROJECT BRIEF



Background

Wisconsin's Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan is an integrated state effort whose mission is to create a consortium of public and private partners empowered to develop, implement, and promote a statewide coordinated approach to cancer control. One priority of the plan is to increase access to cancer treatment by reducing economic, geographic, cultural and systems barriers. A strategy suggested by the WI Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan was the development of "regional partnership networks" dedicated to breaking down barriers to access of cancer care. The Milwaukee Regional Cancer Care Network is the first partnership network to be developed in Wisconsin.

Goal

Increase access to cancer treatment by reducing economic, geographic, cultural, and systems barriers in Milwaukee and Waukesha counties.

Objectives

- Provide a forum for those invested in cancer control in Milwaukee and Waukesha counties to collaborate and increase access to quality cancer care.
- Examine current cancer care capacity in Milwaukee and Waukesha counties.
- Assess access to cancer treatment and support services using existing and new data collected.
- Research evidence-based practices to increase access to care, and advocate for the implementation of select strategies.

Special Achievements of the Project

Since establishment in June 2006, MRCCN has:

- A membership of over 40 community stakeholders and health care providers
- Conducted a literature review summarizing the impact of health

insurance or healthcare coverage on cancer care and/or health outcomes.

- Displayed a poster at the 2007 Wisconsin Cancer Summit.
- Been accepted to present a poster at the 2007 American Public Health Association Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., November 3-7.

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