



National Health Equity Volunteer Workgroup

Workgroup Description

Vision

To create a society where everyone has an opportunity to be as healthy as possible, including preventing and surviving cancer.

Workgroup Charge

The National Health Equity Volunteer Workgroup is a leadership group that will support the American Cancer Society's goals of making health equity a shared value and strengthening the case for sustained action. This work is part of Healthy Communities, one of the organization's priority mission platforms. This workgroup will support the following strategies:

1. Foster a supportive organizational culture that more intentionally embraces health equity
2. Increased staff/volunteer awareness, knowledge, and skill to promote health equity

Membership Benefits

Serving on the workgroup will provide members the opportunity to:

- Be an influencer and change champion in the fight against cancer
- Shape and inform the organization's health equity journey towards building a sustained culture of health through volunteer engagement
- Provide a voice for the needs and perspectives of volunteers and staff
- Network and collaborate with colleagues across the nation

Membership and Selection

Membership will be made up of 6-8 staff and volunteers with a majority membership consisting of volunteers. Members will have experience and/or passion in one or more of the following areas: volunteerism, strategic thinking, health equity, building healthy communities, working with diverse communities, community engagement, grassroots advocacy, team-building, change management, communication, and collaborating virtually. Interested applicants can apply [here](#). Questions may be directed to healthequity@cancer.org. Membership will also focus on diversity and inclusion, from a personal, geographic, and skill-based perspective. Training will be provided by the workgroup staff partner.

Deliverables

Priority 1 – Prioritize volunteer audiences for health equity awareness, knowledge, and skill

Priority 2 – Develop a strategy for collecting volunteer stories around health equity

Priority 3- Develop a strategy for a volunteer champion role that would align with the organizational and community





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projects work

Priority 4 – Advise on the creation of health equity tools and resources for volunteers

2018-2019 Timeline and Commitment

- One-year minimum commitment, renewable until 2021
- October – November 2018 – Identify Workgroup Members
- December – Kick-Off First Meeting; Define objectives and priorities
- January- December 2019 – Complete projects according to agreed-upon priorities and timeline
- 4-6 meetings will primarily take place via teleconference and video-conference calls. One in-person meeting (subject to budget approval). 1-2 hours per month reviewing information and providing feedback

Staff Partnership Support

- Senior Volunteer Engagement Manager
- Health Equity Team

About the American Cancer Society

Our mission is to save lives and celebrate life. Every single day. And as the only worldwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem, the only way we'll achieve that mission is to have our volunteers and staff members working together to create a positive community experience.

Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion

At the American Cancer Society, we value our volunteers, patients, survivors, donors, caregivers and staff as individuals who have a unique contribution to make to our mission of saving lives, celebrating lives, and leading the fight for a world without cancer. We believe that embracing diversity and building an inclusive culture where all individuals are welcomed and respected fosters innovation and growth that will enable the Society to attack cancer from every angle.



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