




## U54: The Chicago Collaborative

Chicago Cancer Health Equity Collaborative (ChicagoCHEC)

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## Background

- What is it?
- Why and how did it come about?
- What is the role of the Administration?



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**Institutions**  
 These Chicago institutions work together with many of the city's underserved communities to foster meaningful cancer research, education, training and community engagement.



## Background

Everyone should have the opportunity to attain their highest level of health.

- Illinois has significantly higher cancer death rates than the national average across the board for nearly all cancers.
- Illinois ranks in the top 10 of all states for highest breast cancer death rates.
- Some communities are hit harder than others, as Chicago community areas that are low-income or predominantly African American or Latino face cancer death rates up to double the national average.
- Communities in the South and West sides of Chicago (areas that are predominantly African American and Latino) face Breast Cancer Mortality rates as high as 1.5 times the national rate.
- Asian communities in Chicago, including Chicago's Chinatown community, have low cancer screening rates and have some of the highest liver cancer rates in the country.



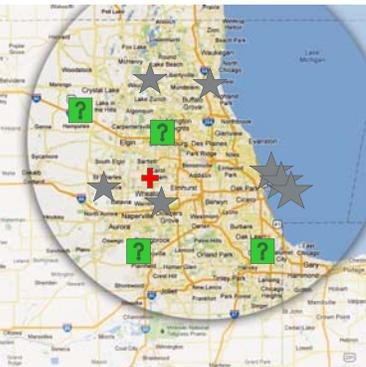
## Changing healthcare landscape



12.8M people in 102 counties




## Northwestern Medicine system creation



Catchment (9 County area):

- 9,900,000 people
- 540,000 survivors
- 17.8% non-white

Focus on immediate area:

- 3M in Chicago (33% non white)
- 5.2M in Cook County (25% non white)
- >230,000 patient encounters annually (9% non white)

## Mission and Goals

To advance cancer health equity through meaningful scientific discovery, education, training, and community engagement.

- Establish transdisciplinary cancer disparities research programs in behavioral and social science, biomedical, and translational science
- Mobilize researchers, educators, community leaders, students, organizations, and patients in innovative cancer education and community engagement programs to improve health outcomes among Chicago's low-income, minority, and disability communities
- Provide training, mentoring, and learning opportunities to recruit and retain minority and underrepresented students in health and cancer research careers
- Support the career development and advancement of minority and underrepresented faculty and scientists




## Initial 3 projects

**Research Project #1 »**  
 Reducing Tobacco Use Disparities Among Adults in Safety Net Community Health Centers (The Choose to Change Study)



**Pilot Project #1 »**  
 WeCanConnect: Using e-Health to Connect Physically Disabled Breast Cancer Patients with Matched Disabled Survivors



**Pilot Project #2 »**  
 An e-Health Intervention to Improve Symptom Burden and Health-Related Quality of Life among Hispanic Women Completing Active Treatment for Breast Cancer





## Leadership

Dynamic, dedicated leaders from all 3 institutions came together






Melissa Simon      Rob Winn      Christina Ciecierski      Moira Stuart



## Planning and Evaluation

**Internal Advisory Committee**

- Melissa Simon (NU)
- Leon Platanos (NU)
- Frank Giles (NU)
- Rick McGee (NEU)
- David Cella (NU)
- Christina Ciecierski (NEIU)
- Moira Stuart (NEIU)
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- Michael Stern (NEIU)
- Rob Winn (UIC)
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- Kameron Matthews (UIC)
- Martha Douglas (UIC)

**Program Steering Committee**

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- Ry Bergen (CHSU Knight Cancer Institute)
- Rich Cohen (University of Michigan)
- Karen Hubbard (The City College of New York)
- Blahnik Marcus (Dignity Health at Cook County)
- Isabel Scarlat (University of Alabama)
- Peter Ciprany (National Cancer Institute)
- Pinyi Cheng (National Cancer Institute)

**Community Steering Committee**

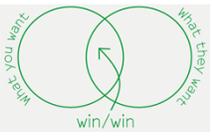
- Brian Richardson, Chicago Department of Public Health
- Carmen Velazquez, Community Member
- Dolores Castrejon, Community Member
- Emile Cambry Jr, Blue647
- Esther Soimarella, Chicago Hispanic Health Coalition
- Esther Wong, Chinese American Service League
- Friedl Ruthman, Alliance of Chicago Community Health Services
- Rev. Kristin Peachey, Center for Faith and Community Health
- Kristina Hamilton/Patti Saleno, American Lung Association
- Kyle Westbrook, City of Chicago, Office of the Mayor
- Joanna Rudnicka, Amber Coalition, Polish American Breast Cancer Program
- Joanna Glavin, WOT Foundation
- Jose Lopez, Puerto Rican Cultural Center
- Juan Salgado, Instituto del Progreso Latino & Instituto Health Sciences Academy
- LauraJana Hyde, Gilda's Club
- Linda Rae Murray, Cook County Hospital
- Lina Estevaneta, University Chicago
- Marcus Evans, IL State Rep, 33 Legislative District
- Regine Rucker, Chicago Public Schools
- RoseMarie Rogers, Community Member
- Stephane Logan, UIC Community Campus Cancer Collaborative



## What is the role of the Administration?

In addition to the grant management







## Lessons Learned

...and many more yet to be learned









# Questions?



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