



**CANCER CONSORTIUM**

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Office of Community Outreach & Engagement

2024 Year in Review

# Community Action Coalition (CAC)



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## What is the CAC?

The Community Action Coalition (CAC) is a group of individuals representing community-based organizations working together to improve cancer health outcomes for residents of Western Washington. CAC is facilitated by the Fred Hutch/University of Washington/Seattle Children's Cancer Consortium's (Consortium) Office of Community Outreach and Engagement (OCOE), based in Seattle.

CAC members provide insight from their lived experiences and organizational roles to facilitate understanding of community-specific cancer prevention and control needs. As a group, the CAC highlights community feedback and priorities, shares resources, collaborates on projects to support sustainable health and cancer care programs and builds capacity for community-driven research collaborations.

In 2024, the CAC met four times, welcoming eight presenters from community-based organizations and health organizations across the state.

If you are new to the CAC, welcome. We look forward to seeing you at a future meeting. If you have been part of this integral work over the years, thank you!

### Organizations that Participated in 2024 CAC Meetings

American Cancer Society	Lahai Health
Black & African-Descent Collaborative for Prostate Cancer Action (BACPAC)	Latinos Promoting Good Health
Cancer Lifeline	Latino Educational Training Institute (LETI)
Cancer Pathways	Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
Center for MultiCultural Health	Mercy Housing
Cierra Sisters	Public Health – Seattle & King County
Comagine Health	Sea Mar Community Health Centers
Communities of Color Coalition	YMCA of Greater Seattle
C-Suite Center for Hope	Providence Swedish
Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)	Us TOO, Zero Prostate Cancer
Fred Hutch Cancer Center: hēli?il Program Office of Community Outreach and Engagement Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute	UW Medicine Primary Care
Kathleen Sutton Fund	Washington State Department of Health

## When does the CAC meet?

CAC meetings are held four times a year on the third Tuesday of the meeting month. Meetings are hosted on Zoom, with an in-person gathering in July.

The steering committee holds an additional meeting each quarter to help set the agenda and highlight community priorities and projects for the broader group.

### Join us! 2025 Tuesday meeting dates:

- January 21, 2-3:30 p.m. on Zoom
- April 15, 2-3:30 p.m. on Zoom
- July 15, 2-3:30 p.m. in person
- October 21, 2-3:30 p.m. on Zoom



*Rashad and Raushanah Elamin at the Health & Wellness Festival at the Rainier Beach Community Center in South Seattle (April 2024)*

## For more information

Send us an email, sign up for our monthly newsletter or check out our social media accounts:



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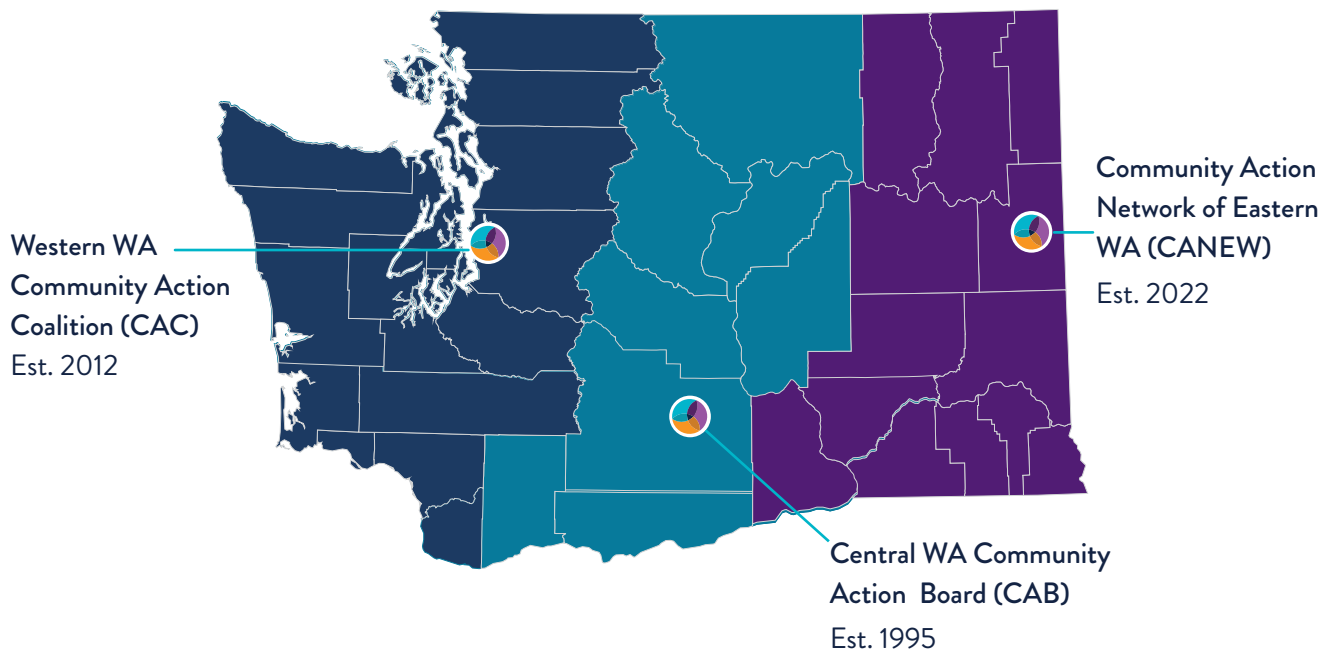


## Meet the OCOE Team

The Office of Community Outreach and Engagement (OCOE) works to improve health outcomes through authentic relationships, advocacy and collaboration. This includes facilitating community-based research, resource support and cancer prevention education informed by community-determined needs. The OCOE team works to build community partnerships across Washington state with offices in Spokane, Sunnyside and Seattle.

We understand that communities know what they need and have the knowledge and expertise to implement solutions to address health disparities. Through the work of community health educators and support staff, OCOE brings organizations together to talk about cancer prevention and improved health outcome strategies in western Washington.

The CAC works alongside two other OCOE-facilitated coalitions, one in Central Washington (Sunnyside, started in 1995) and one in Eastern Washington (Spokane, started in 2022). When we come together, we find collaborative solutions and renewed energy to address the most important health issues facing our communities.



## Approach & Priorities

We are a group committed to collaboration, sharing resources and listening to and prioritizing community voices.

We give feedback to Fred Hutch and the Consortium to help set priorities and strategies to ensure community needs are addressed.

We connect coalition members and Consortium researchers to promote mutually beneficial cancer research with the communities we serve.

We partner to support and establish programs that address the burden of cancer in Washington state.

We share resources and ideas within the CAC to support our mutual work in health care access and cancer prevention.

## 2024 Presenters

### January

- Marty Chakoian, Us TOO Prostate Cancer Support Groups
- Ursula Tsosie, Fred Hutch Cancer Center, hēliʔil Program

### April

- Colleen Pacheco, Breast, Cervical and Colon Health Program (BCCHP)
- Rahel Schwartz, YMCA of Greater Seattle

### July

- Elizabeth Carosso, Fred Hutch Office of Community Outreach and Engagement
- Sahla Suman, WA State Department of Health

### October

- Carrie Nass, Fred Hutch Office of Community Outreach and Engagement
- Giselle Zapata-Garcia, Latinos Promoting Good Health



Tanzania Zenzali-Marshall with the Urban League of Seattle at the Health & Wellness Festival (April 2024)



Kathy Briant, center, speaks with attendees about the inflatable colon at the Health & Wellness Festival (April 2024)

## 2024 Timeline

### January

- Planning for 2024
- Presentation with Marty Chakoian, Us TOO Prostate Cancer Support Groups
- Presentation with Ursula Tsosie, Indigenous Lung Health at Fred Hutch

### April

- Dr. Thomas J. Lynch Jr., Fred Hutch president and director, attends
- Presentation with Colleen Pacheco, BCCHP Program
- Presentation with Rahel Behailu, YMCA of Greater Seattle

### July

- Research conversation with Fred Hutch
- Presentation with Sahla Suman, DOH Companion App for People Living with Cancer

### October

- Community Health Assessment interviews
- Presentation with Giselle Zapata-Garcia, Latina Health Symposium recap, Latinos Promoting Good Health



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