

The Minnesota Cancer Alliance (MCA) is a coalition of over 100 organizations from diverse backgrounds and disciplines dedicated to reducing the burden of cancer across the continuum from prevention and detection to treatment, survivorship, and end-of-life care.

In May 2019, a survey was sent to 1,065 people who were current MCA members or who were on the MCA mailing list. The survey was designed to inform MCA planning around member involvement. A total of 121 people completed the survey.

www.mncanceralliance.org

### **BENEFITS & IMPACT**

#### **Members**



75% benefit from being involved

#### Minnesota



75% say Minnesota is better off

# What are the most important benefits of being involved in the MCA?

- · staying informed about cancerrelated resources, initiatives, and programs
- making connections with people from other organizations.

65% said the MCA has a GREATER IMPACT on the cancer burden than individual organizations could have.

### PARTICIPATION & INVOLVEMENT

Respondents say. . .

#### MCA is welcoming





MCA makes good use of my skills 2 in 5

#### What would help you become more actively involved?

- · more info about ways to participate
- more concrete or time-limited opportunities
- · ways to become involved as individuals operating outside of formal organizations
- networking events or collaborative work around a specific topic

# KNOWING WHAT IS GOING ON

74% informed as often as they should be

62% adequate updates on progress are provided

### What are the best ways for the MCA to communicate?

- Email newsletter
- · Targeted emails about specific work or topics

# What would members like updates about?

- promising practices of work being done
- decision-making and Steering Committee updates

# STAKEHOLDERS

felt that the people involved in the MCA 66% represent a cross-section of those who have a stake in what the MCA is trying to accomplish

49%

felt the MCA has people involved from all organizations and groups that should be represented

# Organizations and groups members suggested

- · tribal communities
- · Asian Pacific Islanders
- survivors

- patients
- broader geographic representation in general

### **GOALS AND STRUCTURE**



are familiar with objectives and strategies of the Cancer Plan



were confident they could explain the mission of the MCA

37% felt clear about their roles and responsibilities as part of the MCA

21% of "interested" respondents

54% of "involved" respondents

Involved = current member or on a work group Interested = involved in other ways

# **HOW COULD MCA PROVIDE MORE SUPPORT?**



Dedicate more resources to specific issues



Play a role in connecting people working on shared Cancer Plan strategies or topic areas

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