



What are CANCER ACTION COUNCILS?

Cancer Actions Councils (CACs) are groups made up of community members and representatives from community-based organizations who apply their knowledge about local cancer issues to improving the lives of cancer patients, survivors, and care givers in their communities. The council members represent the various ethnic and social groups living in their neighborhoods. Cancer Action Council members are actively engaged in their communities and are working to create healthier neighborhoods.

We plan a total of three CACs with at least 10 members per CAC. CAC members will be identified and recruited in the spring and summer of 2016. **Cancer Action Council meetings will begin in July 2016.**

What will the CANCER ACTION COUNCILS do?

- Learn more about the ways in which cancer affects Detroit communities
- Participate in conversations with cancer researchers about research that can benefit the Detroit area
- Gain skills in partnering with cancer researchers to develop and fund projects and programs
- Address cancer related health needs in their communities
- Set priorities for future cancer care research and funding
- Improve access to cancer prevention and treatment

Who can serve on a CANCER ACTION COUNCIL?

There are two types of members:

- 1) **Core members** are expected to be fully involved in all meetings and activities over an 18-month period. This type of member is eligible for a partner stipend.
- 2) **Associate members** are willing and interested in playing a role in setting cancer care and research priorities in their community but may not be able to attend all activities and meetings.

What are Core Membership requirements?

- Share your expertise about cancer and your community, and have an interest in creating healthy communities.
- Attend approximately 24 in-person meetings over an 18 month period. Each meeting will be about 2 hours in length.
- Read or listen to material for discussions at meetings and research capacity trainings. Meeting preparation, readings, etc. will take approximately 2 hours per month.
- Participate in the research capacity training community graduation celebration (first year)
- Participate in a group meeting of all council members (second year)

What are Associate Membership requirements?

- Share your expertise about cancer and your community, and have an interest in creating healthy communities.
- Participate in the research capacity training community graduation celebration (first year)
- Participate in a group meeting of all council members (second year)

Are CANCER ACTION COUNCIL members compensated for their time and participation?

Yes, all **Core CAC members** will receive a stipend of \$500 in each year of the project (\$1000 total). Light meals will be served as part of most meetings and activities.

Where are the CANCER ACTION COUNCILS located?

- Eastside Detroit: Voices of Detroit Initiative (VODI) Outreach Office, Conner Creek

- Wayne County: Western Wayne Family Center, Inkster
- Midtown Detroit: Karmanos Cancer Institute
- Cancer, Communities, and Technology (location to be determined)

How do I apply to join a CANCER ACTION COUNCIL?

Complete the short application online: www.detroithealthlink.org

Paper applications are also available by request.

For additional questions, or to request a paper version of the application, please contact our HealthLink Specialist, Ms. Voncile Brown-Miller at 313-576-8296 or millerv@karmanos.org