

Minnesota Cancer Plan 2025 *Five-Year Progress Report Summary*

The Minnesota Cancer Alliance (MCA) was established in 2005 through funding from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) as a broad partnership of organizations and leaders working to reduce the burden of cancer in Minnesota. The MCA’s work is guided by the Minnesota Cancer Plan 2025 (“the Cancer Plan”), a ten-year plan developed in 2015 that is intended to provide a framework for action for the MCA and member organizations. This summary provides an update of MCA’s progress, halfway through the Cancer Plan implementation.

Rating scales for indicators and MCA activity

	Progress based on indicators Most recent data compared with baseline data from 2015 or 2016.	MCA efforts Based on documentation of MCA committee, network and Strategy Action Group activity, and newsletters from 2018-2020.
Some	Some indication of progress	Some MCA activity
Little	Little change or mixed progress	A little MCA activity
Worse	Some indication the situation has worsened	--
N/A, N/E	Reliable data are not available for 9 of 19 objectives.	No MCA efforts to date

Progress toward Cancer Plan objectives

Goal Area	Progress based on indicators	MCA efforts	Key Actions
Objective 1: Data	Little	Little	The Evaluation Advisory Committee worked with Wilder Research to gather updated data for existing measures and identify new measures for the remaining objectives.
Objective 2: Breast, Cervical, and Colorectal Cancer Screening	Little	Some	The MCA funded three piloted Strategy Action Groups (SAGs) to address colorectal cancer screening statewide and within American Indian communities.
Objective 3: Genetic counseling and testing	N/A	Some	A 2019 SAG created a statewide survey and interactive map of genetic services.
Objective 4: Lung cancer screening	N/A	Some	The Minnesota Lung Cancer Screening Task Force was established.
Objective 5: Support services	N/A	Some	Members hosted a wide variety of support-centered events for patients and their families. A 2019 SAG created pink shawls and held a talking circle with American Indian women diagnosed with breast cancer.

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Objective 6: Patient navigation	N/A	Some	Three SAGs were funded to provide training to community health workers (CHWs), increase awareness of their role in the community, and better understand needs and opportunities for the profession.
Objective 7: Survivorship care plans	N/A	N/E	
Objective 8: Financial and legal burdens	N/A	Some	The 2018 SAG led by the Cancer Legal Care Group conducted an environmental scan to identify promising practices in screening for financial and legal needs among cancer patients.
Objective 9: Rehabilitation	N/A	N/E	
Objective 10: Clinical trials	N/A	Little	Minnesota Cancer Clinical Trials Network launched in 2018. The Policy Committee advocated for Medicaid to pay for routine care as part of a clinical trial (law passed in 2020).
Objective 11: Tobacco use – general	Little	Little	The Policy Committee advocated for and Governor Waltz signed statewide legislation raising the age of tobacco sales to 21 into law in May 2020.
Objective 12: Tobacco use – disparities	Little	Little	The Policy Committee advocated for two laws that passed during the 2019 legislative session that bans e-cigarette use indoors and expands cessation programs.
Objective 13: Obesity/ healthy lifestyles	Little	N/E	
Objective 14: HPV vaccination	Some	Some	The Minnesota Commission on Cancer Network presented to medical professionals on increasing HPV vaccinations. A 2019 SAG through the Annex Teen Clinic trained young leaders to share information with their peers about HPV vaccinations and developed communications resources for young people and their parents about getting vaccinated.
Objective 15: Radon	N/A	Some	Two Strategy Action Group projects were funded to identify and mitigate radon for low-income residents, and to distribute radon testing kits.
Objective 16: Sunburn and indoor tanning	Some	N/E	
Objective 17: Advance care planning	Little	Some	Two 2018 Strategy Action Groups trained health care providers and community members on the importance of advance care planning.
Objective 18: Palliative care	N/A	Some	In 2018, the MCA provided funding to The Palliative Care Advisory Council (PCAC) to hold a strategic planning retreat where the group identified focus areas for their work and established workgroups around each area.
Objective 19: Hospice	N/A	N/E	

For more information

For more information on the Cancer Plan, see <https://mncanceralliance.org/cancer-plan/>

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