

**DCLG Working Group on Involving Advocates  
PROPOSED Strategic Process Outline**

**Working Groups Objectives: *What are we trying to accomplish?***

- To harness the knowledge, experience and leadership of the Working Group to capture a clear picture of where and how advocates are successfully expediting advances in cancer research
- To provide NCI with evidence-based recommendations for involving advocates across the spectrum of NCI activities in ways that accelerate progress, benefit patients and improve public health

**Deliverables: *What will the Working Group produce?***

A report that addresses:

- Detailed, data-driven recommendations for maximizing advocate contributions across the entire NCI research portfolio
- A comprehensive process for mapping advocate involvement and skills to programmatic needs,

**Outcomes: *What do we want to accomplish as a result of this process?***

The DCLG will have data and rationale necessary to make strong recommendations that improve and accelerate progress in cancer research through:

- Integration of advocates across the spectrum of NCI activities
- Maximized the added value resulting from advocate engagement (matching the right *advocate* in the right *program/activity* at the right *time*)
- Identification of translational research areas that will benefit from advocate involvement and result in accelerated progress in cancer research and improvements in public health

### Strategic Question #1

***How does the Working Group capture where advocates have contributed to cancer research?***

<b>Activities</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Estimated Timeframe</b>
1. GATHER: Draw on Work Group (WG) member experiences; and those of their colleagues Collect information from existing programs/processes	OAR & WG OAR	December – January 9
2. COLLATE: Analyze data from information and experiences that were collected	OAR	January
3. INTEGRATE & DELIVER: Develop best practice profiles	OAR & WG	January - March

### Strategic Question #2

***How do we provide NCI with evidence-based recommendations for involving advocates across the spectrum of NCI activities in ways that accelerate progress and benefit public health?***

<b>Activities</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Estimated Timeframe</b>
1. Develop list and definition of advocacy roles	OAR & WG	1/9/2007
2. Use data collected through question #1 to develop evidence-based recommendations for engagement of advocates to facilitate full participation in research activities	WG with OAR support	January- February
3. Develop recommendations on how to support researchers in fully engaging advocates	WG with OAR support	January- February
4. Develop recommendations on how to track advocate involvement	OAR & WG	February
5. Receive broader community input on recommendations	OAR	3/11/2008
6. Finalize recommendations for presentation to DCLG	WG/OAR	3/19/2008

**Future Meeting Dates:** 12/12/2007, 1/9/2008, 1/30/2008, 2/20/2008, 3/5/2008, 3/19/2008