Partnering to Reach Communities with Iowa’s Largest Cancer Disparities

**Key Partners**

- **Steering Committee**
  - Made up of Black Iowans interested in addressing cancer disparities.
  - Role/Responsibility: Shape and guide the process.

- **Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center**
  - Role/Responsibility: Follow guidance of steering committee to reach projected milestones.

- **Iowa Cancer Consortium**
  - Role/Responsibility: Connect and sustain partnerships. Provide financial support for evidence-based initiative.

**Our Work Together**

**Partnership Goals:**

- Build strong relationships between the University of Iowa Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center (HCCC), the Iowa Cancer Consortium, and Black/African American communities in Iowa, beginning in Black Hawk County.
- Identify cancer-related community needs of interest to the Black/African American community in Black Hawk County.
- Match community-identified cancer-related needs to evidence-based interventions adapted to fit the unique needs and interests of the Black/African American community in Black Hawk County.
- Using funds from an Iowa Cancer Plan Implementation Grant, implement the evidence-based intervention within the Black/African American community in Black Hawk County.
- Figure out what works and what doesn't to inform future partnerships with other communities in Iowa.

**Timeline and Milestones**

- Funding awarded
- Steering Committee developed.
- Process and activities determined by steering committee.
- Cancer-related community interests and needs identified.
- Evidence-based intervention(s) selected and adapted.
- Receive Iowa Cancer Plan Implementation Grant
- Implement evidence-based intervention(s).
- Evaluate process throughout.