



Program Steering Committee (PSC) Meeting of the MSM/TU/UAB Cancer Partnership

Hosted by:
Morehouse School of Medicine
720 Westview Drive, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30310

All Times Eastern Standard Time

Dinner
April 27, 2026
5:30p – 6:30p

Location: Calvin Smyre Building - Lobby

April 28, 2026
Starting at 9:00 AM EST
Meeting AGENDA

Participants: PSC Leadership, NCI Officials, Partnership PIs, Partnership Program Managers, Partnership Program/Co-Leaders, and Early-Stage Investigators

Breakfast
8:00 – 9:00 am

Location: Calvin Smyre Building - Lobby

Session 1

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9:00 – 9:05 am

Greetings/Opening Remarks
Brian Rivers, PhD, MPH, Contact PI (MSM)
Rick Kittles, PhD, Senior Vice President for Research (MSM)

9:05 – 9:10 am

Introductory Remarks
Jeroan Allison, MD, MS
PSC Chair

9:10 – 9:15 am

NIH/NCI Remarks
Whitney Steward, PhD
Program Officer

9:15 – 9:45 am

Brief Overview of Overall Partnership Vision, Goals, Accomplishments, and Impact
Upender Manne, MS, PhD, Contact PI, (UAB O'CC)
9:15 – 9:35 am – Presentation (20 minutes)
9:35 – 9:45 am – Q&A from PSC Members (10 minutes)

- 9:45 – 10:00 am** **Research Education Core**
 Shailesh Singh, PhD (MSM)*, Beverly Taylor, MD (MSM)
 Honghe Wang, PhD (TU)
 Ann Smith, MPH (UAB O'CC), Isabel Scarinci, PhD (UAB O'CC)
 9:45 – 9:55 am – Presentation (10 minutes)
 9:55 – 10:00 am – Q&A from PSC Members (5 minutes)
- 10:00 – 10:15 am** **Outreach Core**
 Brian Rivers, PhD, MPH (MSM)*, Roland Matthews, MD (MSM)
 Vivian Carter, PhD (TU), Windy Dean-Colomb, MD (TU)
 Timiya Nolan, PhD (UAB O'CC)
 10:00 – 10:10 am – Presentation (10 minutes)
 10:10 – 10:15 am – Q&A from PSC Members (5 minutes)
- 10:15 – 10:30 am** **Planning and Evaluation Core**
 Desiree Rivers, PhD, MSPH (MSM)*
 Lecarde Webb, MPH (TU)
 Isabel Scarinci, PhD (UAB O'CC)
 10:15 – 10:25 am – Presentation (10 minutes)
 10:25 – 10:30 am – Q&A from PSC Members (5 minutes)
- 10:30 – 10:45 am** **Bioethics Shared Resource**
 Stephen Sodeke, PhD (TU)*
 William Grizzle, MD (UAB O'CC)
 10:30 – 10:40 am – Presentation (10 minutes)
 10:40 – 10:45 am – Q&A from PSC Members (5 minutes)
- 10:45 – 11:00 am** **Biostatistics/Bioinformatics Shared Resource**
 Mohamed Mubasher, PhD (MSM)*, Alexander Quarshie, MD (MSM)
 Fan Wu, PhD (TU)
 Nengjun Yi, PhD (UAB O'CC), Sooryanarayana Varambally, PhD (UAB O'CC)
 10:45 – 10:55 am – Presentation (10 minutes)
 10:55 – 11:00 am – Q&A from PSC Members (5 minutes)
- 11:00 – 11:20 am** **Break** (20 Minutes)
Lunch will be Served
- 11:20 – 12:05 pm** **Closed Session - PSC Members and NCI Officials with Early-Stage Investigators (ESIs) – Location: Calvin Smyre Building – Room H108**
 Facilitated by Jeroan Allison, MD, MS
- Greetings**
 Jeroan Allison, MD, MS
 11:20 – 11:25 am – (5 minutes)
- Open Discussion with ESIs**
 11:25 – 12:05 pm – (40 minutes)
- Session 2**
- 12:05 – 12:25 pm** **Closed Session – PSC Members and NCI Officials (20 minutes)**
Location: Calvin Smyre Building – Room H108
- 12:25 – 1:45 pm** **Closed Session - Partnership Leadership to join PSC Members and NCI Officials**
Location: Calvin Smyre Building – Room H108/H109
Debriefing – (20 minutes)
General Discussion – (1 hour)
- 1:45 pm** **PSC Meeting Adjournment** *Presenter