

Breast Cancer Task Force: Progress Report Jan 2018

OVERALL GOAL

The Breast Cancer Task Force aims to increase targeted breast cancer screening and navigation programs for disadvantaged populations in San Francisco in order to see an overall decrease in advanced disease at diagnosis, the elimination of disparities in both the stage of breast cancer diagnosis and survival, improved quality of life for breast cancer patients and survivors, and a decrease in breast cancer mortality within San Francisco.

ACTIVITIES YR01

The Breast Cancer Task Force is led by Dr. Laura Fejerman and Dr. Laura van 't Veer from UCSF, with representatives from SFDPH, UCSF ZSFGH, Chinatown Public Health Center, the Komen Foundation, the ACS, and local community groups and advocates. This task force was funded later in the year and has not yet had a full year in which to conduct their activities. They have created a needs assessment group that is developing an algorithm to divide the city of San Francisco into geographic units for appropriate analysis of breast cancer incidence and mortality. They are also developing a qualitative component in order to examine knowledge of existing breast cancer programs among current medical service and community service providers.

OBSTACLES

Because the task force started late in the year, no obstacles have yet been identified.

GOALS FOR YR02

In Year 2 of SF CAN, the Breast Cancer Task Force will analyze breast cancer incidence and mortality data by SF neighborhood, race, ethnicity, and SES. They plan to identify existing practices in clinics and community organizations regarding screening, identification of high-risk women (e.g., BRCA carriers), and patient navigation. They ultimately want to develop a portfolio of interventions and resources for outreach in communities with low screening rates, low genetic testing rates, and low treatment adherence. These interventions would include the development of navigation programs for high-risk women and women with breast cancer and the development of interventions to increase screening and increase knowledge about screening and hereditary breast cancer in communities with low screening rates.