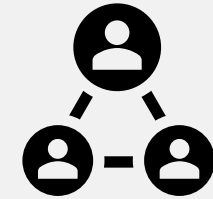


WELCOME!

While we are getting set up...

Please share in the chat your name, organization, and what topics you are most interested in member meeting sessions covering in the future. We will ask for your ideas again at the end of this session.



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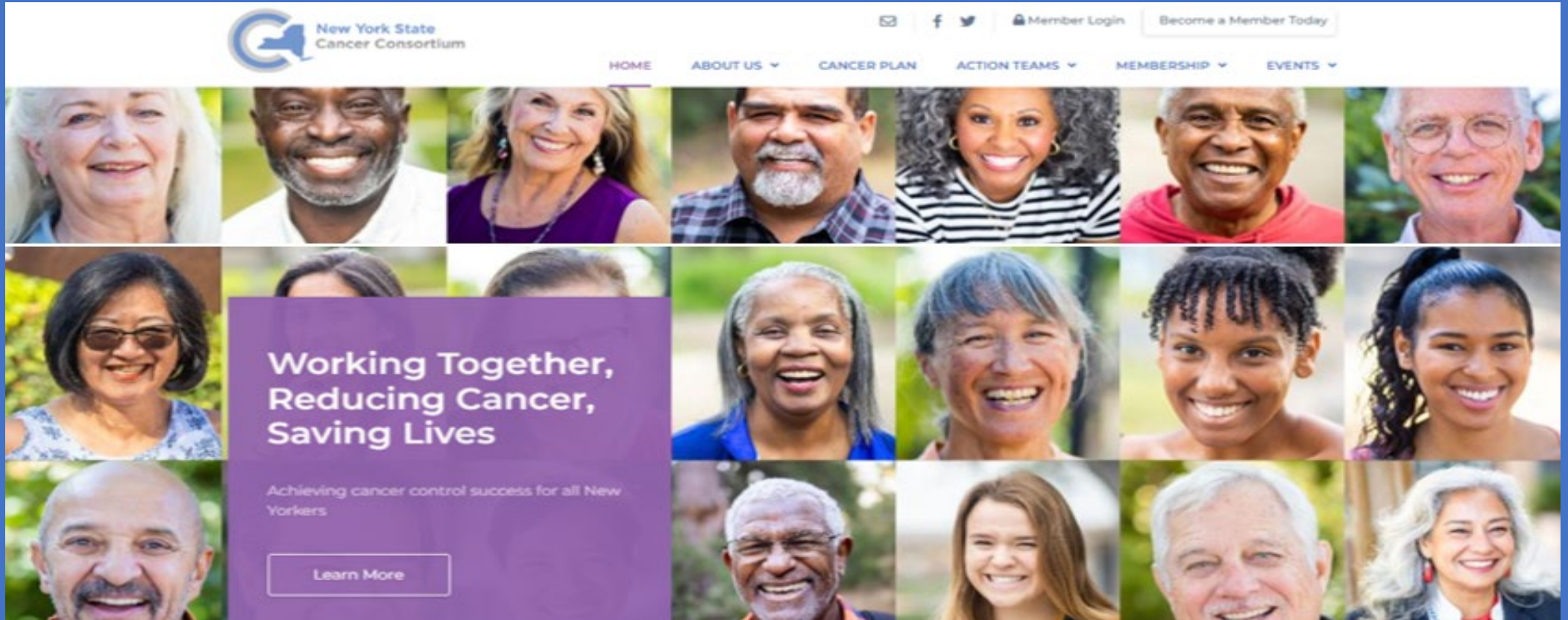
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NYS Cancer Consortium and the Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan

The **NYS Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan** outlines objectives and strategies to reduce the state's cancer burden

2003-2010 Cancer Plan

- 43 Goals
- Only 11 were measurable
- No Dashboard

2012-2017 Cancer Plan

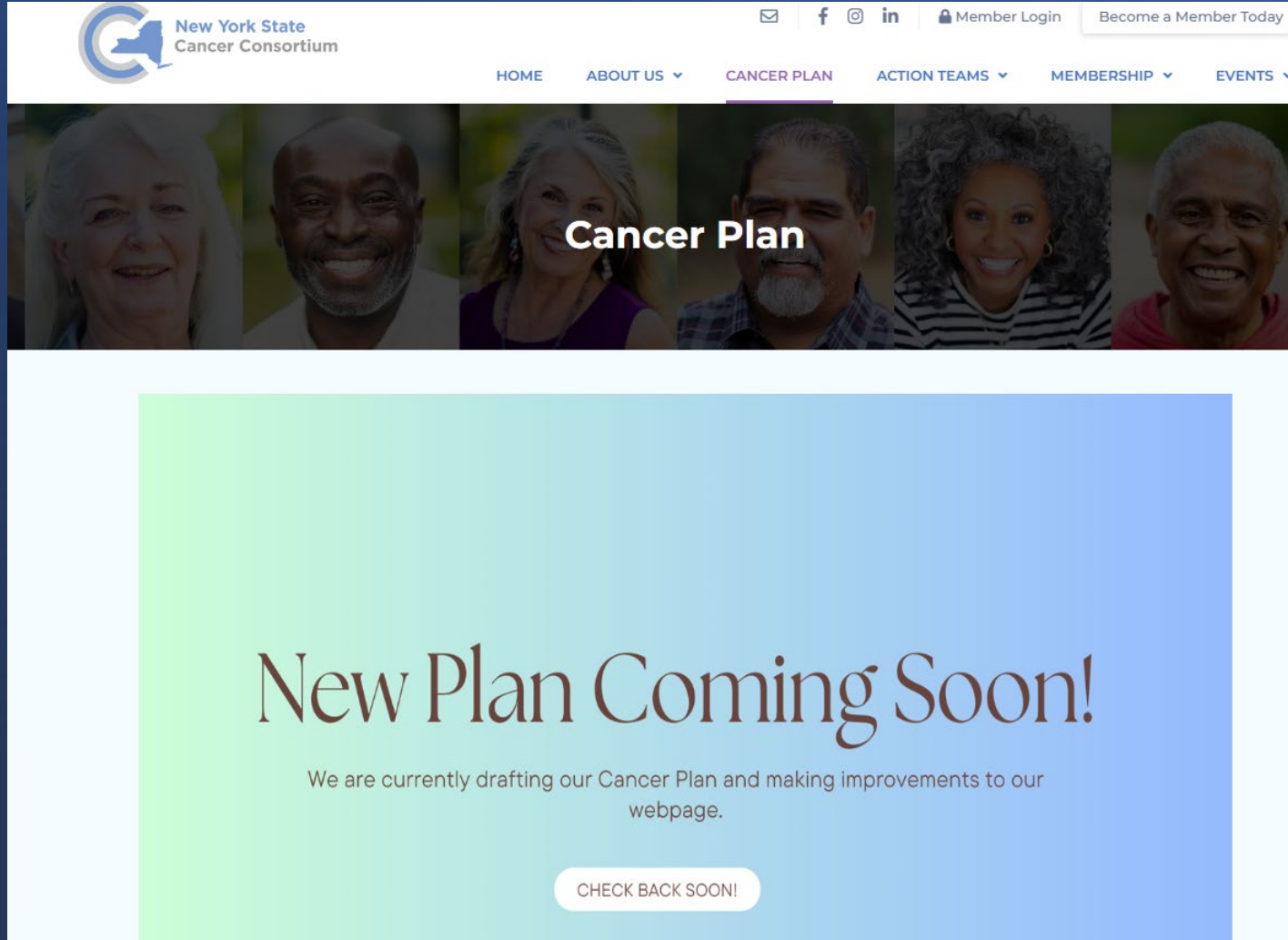
- 48 Objectives
- 40 Measurable
- 24 Dashboard indicators

2018-2023 Cancer Plan

- 56 Objectives
- 51 measurable
- 43 Dashboard indicators

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Cancer Plan

New Plan Coming Soon!

We are currently drafting our Cancer Plan and making improvements to our webpage.

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New Plan Chapters:

1. Cancer-Related Health Equity
2. Health Promotion – tobacco use, healthy weight/nutrition/physical activity, alcohol use, HPV vaccine, ultraviolet radiation, environmental exposures
3. Early Detection & Family Health History
4. Survivorship
5. Treatment
6. Palliative & Hospice Care
7. Clinical Trials
8. Crosscutting Issues in Cancer

Session Goal:

- Participants will have the knowledge, tools, and insights necessary to support community members in accessing Palliative Care throughout the cancer care continuum.

Housekeeping

Please mute your line.

If you have a question, please type it in the Chat Box.

Questions will be answered after the panel discussion.

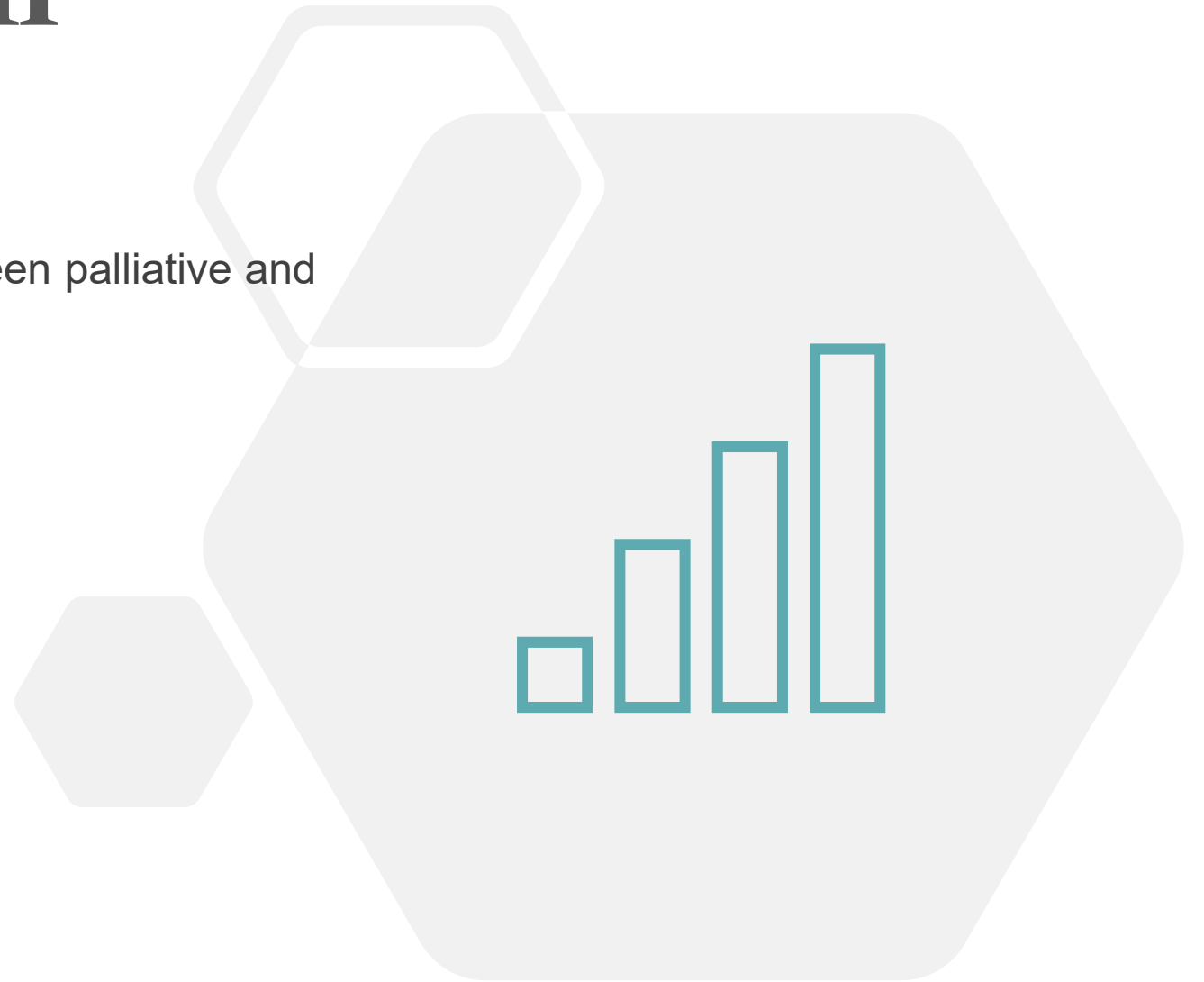
This meeting is being recorded.

A link to the recording will be e-mailed to everyone who registered.

Pre-Meeting Poll

1. Rate your knowledge of the distinction between palliative and hospice care **before** the webinar.

- Extremely knowledgeable
- Very knowledgeable
- Moderately knowledgeable
- Slightly knowledgeable
- Not at all knowledgeable



REMINDER

As the panelists are speaking and responding to questions, please feel free to share your own perspectives, stories, resources, and questions through the chat.

Due to the session length and what we are covering today, we ask that everyone remain muted, but the hosts and panelists would still love to hear from everyone via the chat box, and we'll have questions from the audience at the end!

Meet Our Panelists



Sarah Hardy, NP, is a family nurse practitioner (NP), starting her career practicing rural family medicine at a Bassett clinic in St. Johnsville for four years. In 2022, she followed her passion for palliative care accepting a position at Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital as a consultant on the inpatient palliative care team and is embedded in the oncology clinic providing palliative care to outpatients. She is certified in palliative care as an Advanced Hospice and Palliative Care Nurse by the Hospice and Palliative Care Credentialing Center.



Dr. Laura Cunnington is the Division Chief of Palliative Medicine for Bassett Health Network. She trained at the University of Nevada. She has been a Palliative Care physician for 19 years, and she has been at Bassett for 7 years. Throughout her career, she has done inpatient and outpatient palliative medicine, telehealth, and hospice medicine.



Kara Ulasewicz Travis, Certified Executive Coach and Compliance Officer and Director of Center for Hospice & Palliative Care in the Office for Aging & Long-Term Care at the New York State Department of Health. Kara brings seven years of end-of-life experience as President/CEO of Mountain Valley Hospice & Palliative Care (MVHPC) and the Nancy Dowd Hospice Home (NDHH). Covering the rural Upstate New York counties of Fulton, Montgomery, Saratoga, and Hamilton, MVHPC also boasts eight private Hospice beds in their Gloversville location. Prior to her work at MVHPC, Kara spent more than 10 years as a senior leader with the Bassett Healthcare Network in a variety of roles from Facilities Operations to Emergency Medicine to Patient Experience to Employee Relations and Organizational Development.

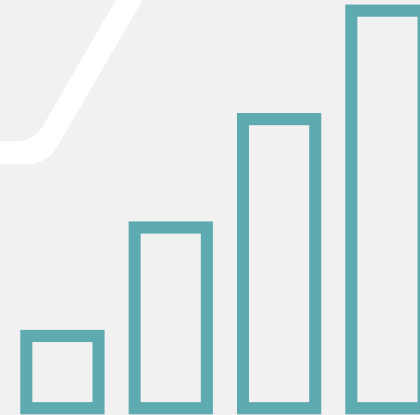
Post-Meeting Poll

1. Rate your knowledge of the distinction between palliative and hospice care now **after** the webinar.

- Extremely knowledgeable
- Very knowledgeable
- Moderately knowledgeable
- Slightly knowledgeable
- Not at all knowledgeable

2. What one thing did you find most valuable from this session? (open-ended)

3. What topics are you most interested in member meeting sessions covering in the future? (open-ended)



Question & Answer



Resources

- [Palliative Care Network of Wisconsin](#)
- [Center to Advance Palliative Care](#)
- [National Coalition for Hospice and Palliative Care](#)
- [NYS Palliative Care](#)

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