

9/17/25, MHWG

PCC Men's Health Work Group meeting, called by Patrick Loftus

10:00 am – 11:00 am

Attendees: Patrick Loftus, Jennifer King

Meeting Summary and Key Points

Prostate Cancer Press Conference (Sept. 9, Harrisburg):

- Survivors, medical providers, and public health leaders called for improved access to screening.
- Focus on pending legislation (*HB 281, SB 447*) to remove cost-sharing for high-risk men.
- The event had strong turnout and support from survivors, lawmakers, and medical leaders.

Call to Action Letter:

- Includes regional data (incidence, mortality, screening gaps).
- Provides provider guidance: risk conversations, PSA referrals, local partnerships, research support.
- Logos: PA Prostate Cancer Coalition, PA DOH, PA Cancer Coalition.
- Target date for distribution: *Sept. 29* via listservs, partner networks, and contact lists.

Planning Committee / Panel Discussion:

- Committee includes MHWG, PCC, Pfizer *Change the Odds*, Zero, ACS CAN.
- Exploring platform options (Pfizer vs. Teams).
- Priorities: finalize date, outreach to speakers, gather bios/slides.
- Potential national speaker: (from Harvard), paired with Pennsylvania experts.

Legislative Focus:

- Continued advocacy for HB 281 and SB 447 — first Senate bill on screening in 20 years.

Outreach & Representation:

- Patrick presented at the *Northwest Regional HEAT Meeting* (overview of MHWG, current projects, legislation, resources).
- Capitol dome lighting (Sept. 8–9) raised visibility for Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.
- 2022 Cancer Data now available.

Next meeting: 10/15/2025