

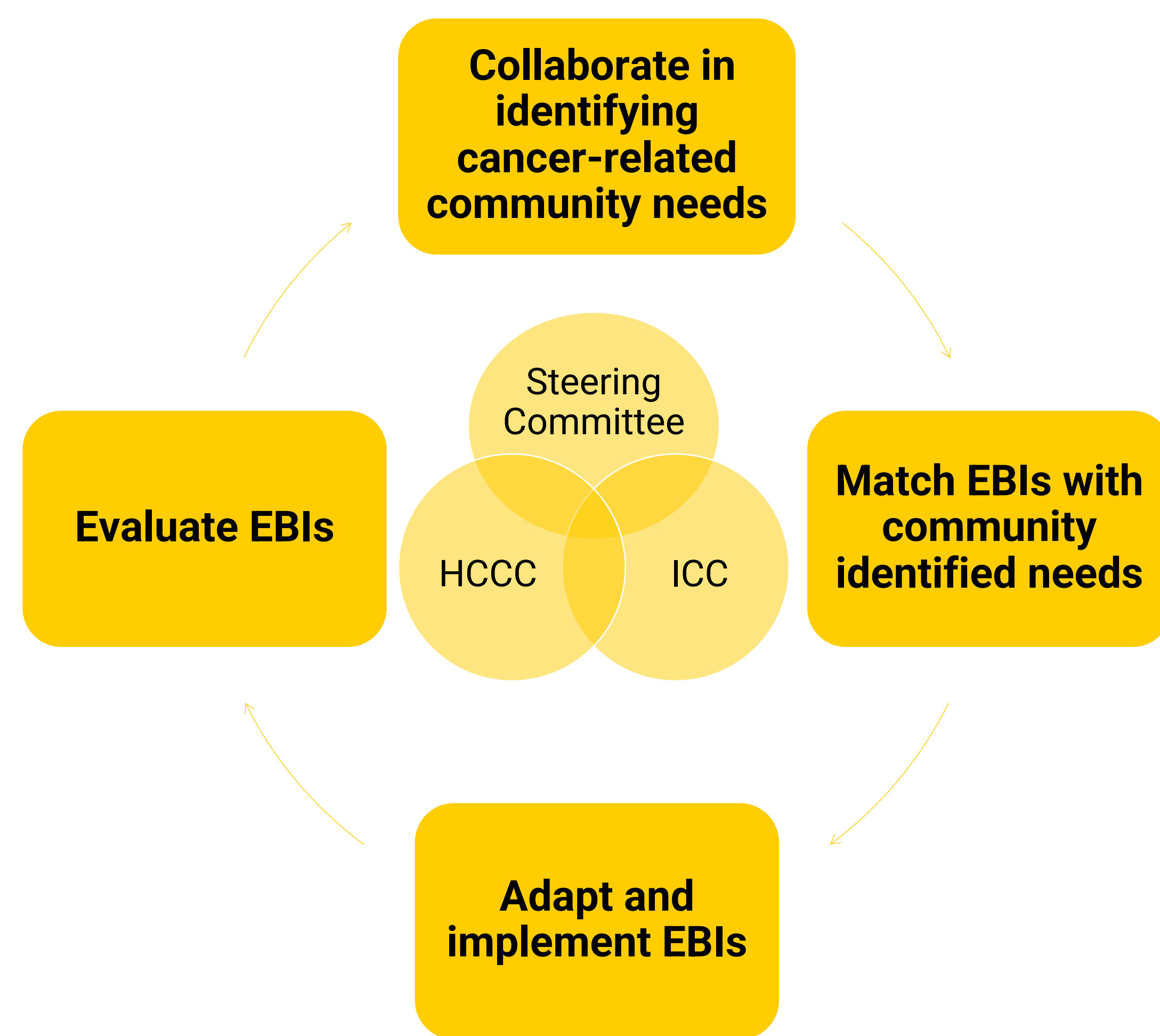
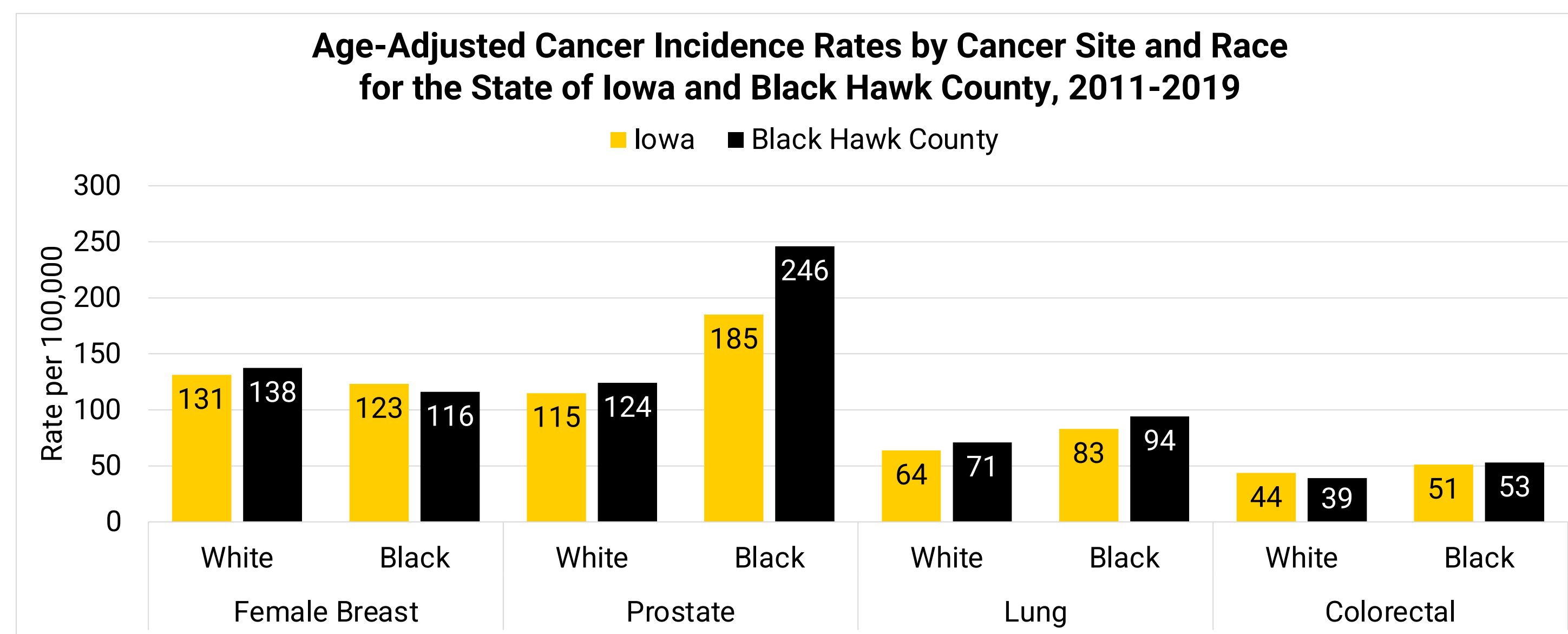
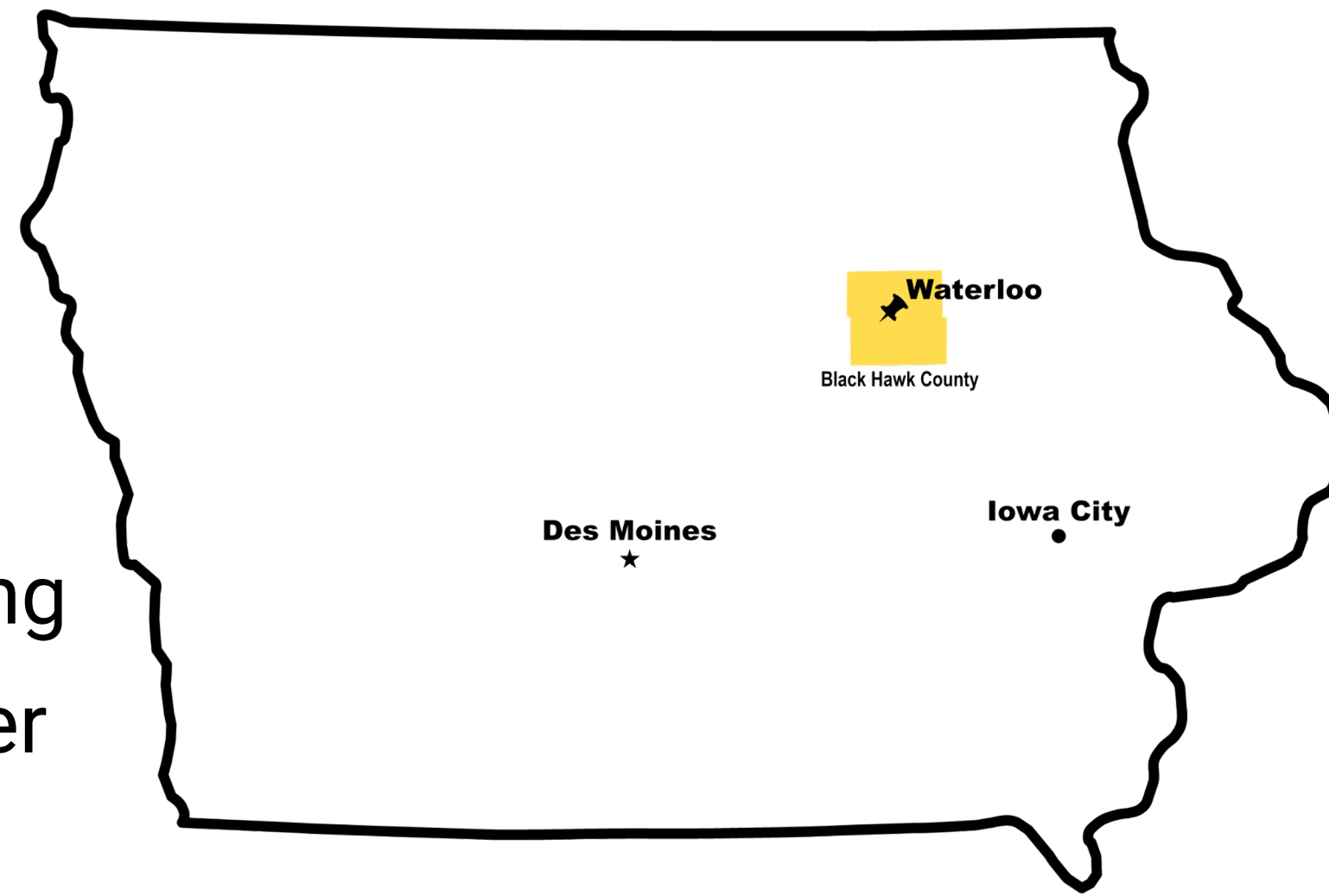
# Partnering to Reach Communities with Iowa's Largest Cancer Disparities

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## Background

The Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center (HCCC), Iowa Cancer Consortium (ICC), and a steering committee of Black community members are working collaboratively to address cancer disparities.



### Iowa Cancer Consortium

- Iowa's statewide cancer control coalition
- 501c3 funded primarily by Iowa Department of Public Health and housed at HCCC
- Mission: to reduce the burden of cancer through advocacy, equity, and collaboration
- Develops, revises, evaluates, and supports implementation of Iowa Cancer Plan

## Approach



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### Steering Committee Members

- Chaplain
- Leaders of community organizations
- Medical professionals
- Cancer survivors

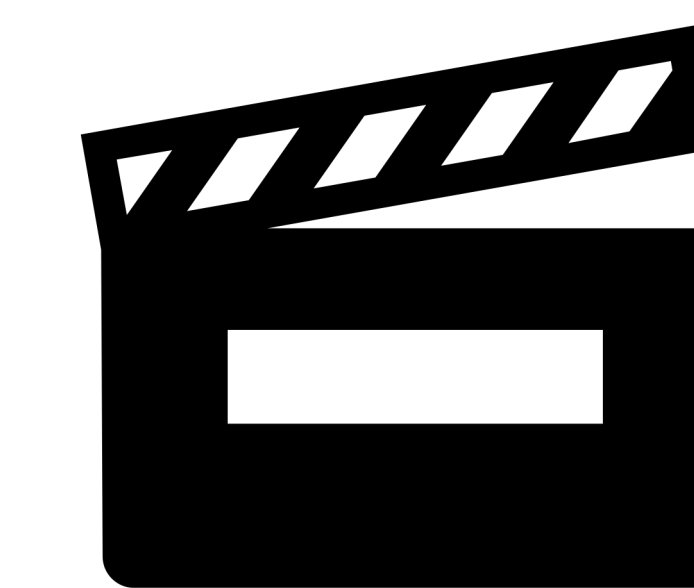


## Results



### Focus of Monthly Meetings

- Building relationships
- Discussing cancer-related issues
- Sharing community-specific cancer-related data



### Action

- Strong desire for action
- Submitted cluster investigation request to Iowa Cancer Registry
- Preparing stories & questions for commissioner of insurance



### Feedback Between Meetings

- Strengthen relationships
- Gather input on structure, organization, and topics of interest



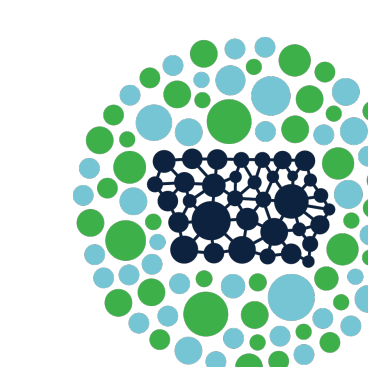
### Areas of Interest

- Racism in healthcare
- Prostate screening rates in men
- Cancer cluster investigations
- Time to treatment
- Cancer & stress connection

## Discussion

Project is building and strengthening relationships between HCCC, ICC, and Waterloo community members. Steering committee members hope their work will serve as a catalyst in breaking down health care disparities. Future direction and next steps will be determined by the steering committee.

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