**INTRODUCTION**

Deaf, deafblind, and hard of hearing (DDBHH) individuals who use American Sign Language (ASL) experience significant disparities related to cancer screening and to cancer-related health outcomes.

- DDBH men with family history of cancer face disparities in shared decision making [1]
- DDBHH Black Americans have lower rates of hypertension, likely due to underdiagnosis [2]

**FINDINGS**

Recurring themes included systematic:

- attitudinal, communication, and personal-level barriers.

Systemic barriers; difficulties navigating a complex healthcare system (e.g., misunderstanding insurance companies’ role, patient portal limitations).

- Attitudinal barriers; biases faced by DDBHH individuals with other intersecting identities further highlight the challenges they experience.

- Communication barriers; barriers DDBHH individuals experienced in exchanging medical information within their own families and with healthcare professionals.

**CALL TO ACTION**

Identify and fund projects to create an ethnically and racially diverse workforce of community health workers or patient navigators who are fluent in sign language.

**REFERENCES**


