

## December SLA Call Meeting Notes

12.3.24

1. Welcome, **Eunice Hostetter**, *NAT Member*
  
2. Grassroots Campaigns, **Julie Nickson**, *Director, Federal Relations - Appropriations & Hannah Scott*, *Senior Grassroots Campaigns & Alliances Manager*
  - a. Lame Duck updates
    - i. MCED
      1. We've made great progress, still highest cosponsored healthcare bill, still in consideration for end of year package
    - ii. SCREENS Act
      1. Also still in the consideration for end of year package, working hard to get bill across finish line
    - iii. Cancer research and prevention funding
      1. FY25 funding bill will most likely be punted to next year (current deadline is Dec. 20)
    - iv. Thank you for your amazing work!
      1. Some impressive numbers: 273 volunteer calls, 16,994 volunteer emails sent, 705 tweets, Targeted patch thru calls- 10,799
      2. Please continue to make calls to keep the drumbeat going, let's do at least two more rounds this week with your volunteer teams!
      3. Thank you for the drop by visits as noted in report back forms and social media posts
  - b. What we think the first 100 days will look like in 2025
    - i. Cancer is a non-partisan issue, and thanks to your work with have champions on both sides of the aisle
      1. We will be leaning into our Republican relationships and champions (as they have unilateral control of the House, Senate, and Presidency) and developing new champions to make sure we have path forward for priorities
    - ii. We will be playing defense and offense in the next Congress (which we have experience with). And we are adjusting our strategies and tactics to do exactly that.
    - iii. We expect our 100 day priorities will focus on the following 3 priorities:
      1. Protecting access to Medicaid
        - a. Expect to be a target for budget reconciliation
      2. Increasing cancer research and prevention funding since FY25 funding bill will be kicked into next year
      3. Extending the ACA Enhanced Tax Credits

- a. Thank you all for laying the groundwork for this during Lobby Day
    - b. Don't think there will be a path to make them permanent but optimistic about extension
  - c. Year-end celebration (see attached slides)
    - i. Thank you for your amazing work!
  
- 3. SLA and Vice SLA Story Collection Efforts, **Tomica Smith**, *Senior Outreach Manager, State & Local Campaigns*
  - a. Stories are so important in our work, all stories matter!
  - b. This year we kicked off a project to collect every SLA and Vice SLA story. We bank these in an internal story bank only accessible to ACS CAN staff so they can be shared across states and campaigns. Please consider sharing your story with us through your staff partner.
  - c. We have a guide available to help shape your story and our staff is available to support
  
- 4. SLA Summit 2025, **Lizzy Salinas**, *Associate Director, Advocacy Training Content*
  - a. Excited to see our SLAs and Vice SLAs from May 2-4, 2025 in Houston
  - b. Please complete the survey by Dec. 20 for input on our 2025 SLA Summit: <https://forms.office.com/r/BDyifyXvit>
  
- 5. Volunteer Engagement- **Rachael Eerdmans**, *Associate Director, Volunteer Engagement*
  - a. New Date, January 15-Trans Dudes with Lady Cancer Film Screening
    - i. The short film documents the journey of two transmasculine people as they navigate cancer within the medical system. The film will be followed by Q&A with the filmmakers Yee Won Chong and Brooks Nelson.
      - 1. You must register or reregister at [Fightcancer.org/LGBTQevent](https://fightcancer.org/LGBTQevent)
      - 2. Promo materials: [Flyer](#), [Social media graphic](#)
  - b. Short survey (deadline of 12/13) to improve our future calls: <https://forms.office.com/r/K906VKXaE7>
  - c. BIG thank you to our retiring SLAs!
    - i. Elisabeth Drabkin – VA
    - ii. Pam Pilgrim- KY
    - iii. Lee Turner- GA
    - iv. Pansy Yates- SC
    - v. Melissa McLain- OK
    - vi. Jennifer Clack- AR

- vii. Keri Yoder, MT
- viii. Tina Hoebelheinrich, WY
- ix. Joyce Graves, NM
- x. Pam Niese, OH
- xi. Jen Chikoyak, AK
- xii. Donna Kemberling, PA

d. 2025 volunteer call dates:

- i. <https://www.fightcancer.org/volunteer-call-schedule>

e. Lights of Hope

- i. 2024- Please be sure to turn in any offline donations
- ii. 2025- Rollout will be around mid-February, we'll keep you updated

f. Giving Tuesday- Matching up to 25K

6. Wrap up, *Moderator*

a. Action Item Reminders:

- i. Be sure to complete the survey to provide your input on SLA Summit 2025 by December 20. <https://forms.office.com/r/BDyifyXvit>
- ii. And while we are talking about surveys, we ask you to complete this quick survey on our volunteer calls by 12/13:  
<https://forms.office.com/r/K906VKXaE7>
- iii. Don't forget to register for the Virtual Film Screening of Trans Dudes with Lady Cancer—Wednesday, January 15th 4:00 PM PT | 7:00 PM ET.
  - 1. Join us for a virtual film screening of [Trans Dudes with Lady Cancer](#).
  - 2. [Fightcancer.org/LGBTQevent](https://fightcancer.org/LGBTQevent)
  - 3. [Flyer](#)
  - 4. [Social media graphic](#)
- iv. Save the 2025 call dates: <https://www.fightcancer.org/volunteer-call-schedule>
- v. SLA Story Collection: if you haven't already, please consider sharing your story with us. Please contact your state staff partner to get started.

b. Next call: January 14, 2025