

Maryland Cancer Registry
Quarterly Reporters Teleconference
May 6, 2008

Attendance:

DHMH - K. Stern, D. Dwyer, J. Hayes, A. Ahmed, D. Rich

Westat - S. Peace, D. Haegele, D. Calicutt, S. Sherman-VanDeventer, T. Lewis

Reporters and Registrars

21st Century Oncology – Bel Air, Greenbelt, Atlantic, Riverside

Bel Air Ambulatory Surgery – K. Askew

Bostwick Labs - C. Warren

Carroll County General Hospital

Chesapeake Potomac Regional Cancer Center – Charlotte Hall

Chesapeake Potomac Regional Cancer Center – Waldorf

Civista Medical Center- S. Miller

Doctors Community Hospital - A. Murrell

Frederick Memorial Hospital – M. Mesnard

Good Samaritan Hospital - C. Stromyer

Harbor Hospital Center – K. Riley

Howard County General Hospital - S. Roberts

Howard University Hospital

Johns Hopkins Medical Center – S. Metzger

Kaiser Permanente -

Lifebridge Health - J. McLaughlin

Union of Cecil County - P. Sands

Union Memorial Hospital – L. Wilson, M. Sorrell

Washington Adventist Hospital – L. Corrigan

1. Welcome and Announcements

K. Stern called roll and welcomed all participants.

K. Stern announced that April Fritz will be offering Principles of Oncology for Cancer Registry Professionals July 28th – August 1st at St. Agnes Hospital at a cost of \$1,050 per registrant.

2. Update: Westat MCR QA/DM

S. Peace reported the Westat MCR QA/DM updates. March 3rd, 2008 was the Westat MCR QA/DM start up date and start up of operations was very successful.

S. Peace reminded participants of the MCR Technical Help Line phone number, fax number, and e-mail address. He also reminded participants that their MCR field representative is the primary contact when they have questions.

S. Peace reported that the MCR Quarterly Reporting Reminder post cards and blast e-mail was sent out in late March and early April to all reporters. The postcards were sent out belatedly but the e-mails were sent well in advance of the reporting deadline. In the future quarterly reminders will be sent out by both email and postcard 30 days prior to the reporting deadlines and those dates were provided.

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S. Peace reported that a large percent of the expected cases were received for the 2008 first quarter data submissions, as of this time greater than 23,000 cases have been received.

S. Peace reviewed the MCR Reporting Deadlines and submission requirements and announced that all 2007 cases should be received by Westat MCR QA/DM by June 30th, 2008. The new reporter from University of Maryland Oral Pathology Lab, Kimberly Mantelli asked a question about reporting her cases. S. Peace referred her to Debra Haegele and took down her information for follow-up after the meeting.

S. Peace informed participants of the upcoming request for 2006 disease indices from all hospitals and ambulatory care facilities. The request cover letter and instructions have been sent out to several hospital registrars for feedback on composition, content, and instructional flow. The request forms and instructions will be mailed out to reporters in mid-May.

S. Peace informed participants of the upcoming request for follow-back and verification of potentially unreported 2006 cancer deaths. These requests will be mailed out in mid to late May.

S. Peace also informed participants that they can expect quarterly reports on facility submissions and successful (and unsuccessful) accepted cases. He also stated that facilities can expect data quality reports from the Westat MCR QA/DM team describing results of electronic edits and visual editing review of reported data. MCR is dealing with a backlog of cases at the present time, but expects that in the near future these reports will be sent back to reporters in a timely manner.

S. Peace reminded the participants that the unknown race codes were becoming a problem from all reporting facilities and asked that registrars and reporters pay special attention when reporting this information.

3. Update: Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Maryland Cancer Registry

K. Stern announced four upcoming NAACCR webinars:

5/8/08 – 9am-1pm – Hospital Webinar - Topic: **Data Quality and Data Use**
Contact Delores Rich at DHMH in Baltimore or Pat Weeks-Coulthurst at Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring if you would like to participate in this webinar.

5/15/08 – 9am-1pm – Central Webinar - Topic: **Analyzing and Presenting Cancer Surveillance Data** - Contact Delores Rich at DHMH in Baltimore or Steve Peace at Westat in Rockville if you would like to participate in this webinar.

6/19/08 – 9am-1pm – Central Webinar - Topic: **Thyroid Cancer Surveillance Data Collection; Larynx Cancer Surveillance Data Collection** - Contact Delores Rich at DHMH in Baltimore or Steve Peace at Westat in Rockville if you would like to participate in this webinar.

7/10/08 – 9am-1pm – Hospital Webinar - Topic: **Abstracting Upper Gastrointestinal Tract Cancer Incidence and Treatment Data** – Contact Delores Rich at DHMH in

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4. Update Tumor Registrars Association of Maryland (TRAM)

L. Corrigan reported that the next TRAM meeting will be held on June 13th, 2008 at Franklin Square Hospital. The meeting will include presentations on the NAACCR Process Improvement exercise update, the ACoS CoC survey process from a panel of recently surveyed registrars, coding from the prospective of a Radiation Oncologist, the NCRA meeting and quality checking registry data. Louanne Currence from Missouri is invited guest presenting on data quality issues. She encouraged all reporters to attend this informative meeting.

5. The Next Five Years – Westat MCR QA/DM

S. Peace delivered the presentation The Next Five Years – Westat MCR QA/DM. He presented an overview of the role of Westat with the MCR, the main elements of the MCR QA/DM contract, the MCR data flow and the annual data cycle. D. Dywer asked a question regarding security on the document server with saving password feature appearing on the login screen. S. Peace assured her if the option had not already been disabled then it would be disabled in the future.

6. Next Teleconference

The next Reporters Teleconference will be held July 8, 2008 from 9:30am-11am.