

Maryland Cancer Registry
Quarterly Reporters Teleconference
February 12, 2008

Attendance:

DHMH - K. Stern, D. Dwyer, J. Hayes, A. Ahmed, D. Rich
ORC Macro International - G. Garnett
Westat - S. Peace, D.Calicutt, S. Sherman VanDeventer, D.Haegle, A.Barriera, P. Weeks-Coulthurst, T.Lewis

Reporters and Registrars

Anne Arundle Medical Center - M. Hanchulak
Bel Air Ambulatory Surgery – K. Askew
Bostwick Labs - C. Warren
Carroll County General Hospital - L. Corrigan
Civista Medical Center- S. Miller
Doctors Community Hospital - A. Murrell
Drs. Hidon, Crandell and Taylor
Franklin Square Hospital – M. Jenkins
Frederick Memorial Hospital – M. Mesnard
Good Samaritan Hospital - C. Stromyer
Greater Baltimore Medical Center - S. McIntire
Holy Cross Hospital – P. Weeks-Coulthurst, S. Kearns
Howard University Hospital - S. Roberts
Johns Hopkins Bay View Medical Center - W. Laughlin
Johns Hopkins Medical Center – S. Metzger
Kaiser Permanente -
Lifebridge Health - J. McLaughlin
Maryland Regional Cancer Care Bowie –
Piney Orchard - G. Young
Shady Grove Adventist Hospital - L. Love
Shore Health System - J. Scott, S. Stolic
Sibley Memorial Hospital – A. Barriera
St Agnes Healthcare – P. Miller
St. Mary’s Hospital – A. Dixon
Suburban Hospital – M. Mueller
Union of Cecil County - P. Sands
Union Memorial Hospital – L. Wilson, M. Sorrell
Washington Hospital Center – V. Medley
Western Maryland Health System, Cumberland – C. Robey
- H. Thomas
- M. Price

K. Stern welcomed all Maryland reporters to the teleconference. She introduced Guy Garnett, ORC Macro International, as the outgoing vendor providing five years of data management and quality assurance support to the Maryland Cancer Registry. Mr. Garnett thanked the Maryland reporters for their promptness, courtesy, and support over the past five years with hopes that in the future there may be opportunity to work together again. K. Stern then introduced Steven Peace, Westat, as the Project Director for the incoming vendor, Westat in Rockville, Maryland. Mr. Peace expressed his gratitude to ORC Macro International MCR QA/DM staff for helping ease the transition. He also noted how honored Westat is to have been selected to provide continuing data management and quality assurance support to the Maryland Cancer Registry and

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the many reporters who provide such strong data to the MCR. He also provided a brief summary of the expected timeline for transition of operations and noted that information would be forwarded to all reporters on March 1, 2008.

K. Stern then announced that Donna Gugel has been appointed the new Director for the Center for Cancer Surveillance and Control at the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. She had been acting director for the past six months. Congratulations!

K. Stern reported that the MCR has successfully submitted data to NAACCR and NPCR since the last Reporters Teleconference.

K. Stern announced two upcoming NAACCR webinars:

2/14/08 – 9am-1pm – Topic: Cancer Treatment – 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.

2/21/08 – 9am-1pm – Topic: Record Linkage and Case Consolidation - Contact Delores Rich at DHMH in Baltimore or Steve Peace at Westat in Rockville if you would like to participate in this webinar.

K. Stern opened the floor for discussion of Class of Case = 6 reporting (staff physician office cases abstracted at a hospital or other registry but never seen in person at the reporting facility). MCR has learned that there has been some discussion among registrars that MCR may be planning to require the reporting of Class of Case = 6 cases. K. Stern clarified that it is up to the individual reporting facility Cancer Committee to decide whether or not Class of Case = 6 cases should be abstracted for any staff physicians per agreement with individual physicians. She also clarified that if these cases have already been abstracted at a facility cancer registry; there is no need to have the physician report them separately. MCR encourages facility-based registries to forward Class of Case = 6 cases to the MCR through the usual methods to improve reporting completeness, statewide and welcomes reporting of any and all Class of Case = 6 cases to the central registry.

L. Corrigan reported that the next TRAM meeting will be held on March 21, 2008 at Holy Cross Hospital. The meeting will include presentations and open discussions relevant to the NAACCR Process Improvement exercise conducted over the past several months. She encouraged all reporters to attend in hopes that a set of recommendations for improving communications and collaborations among TRAM, DHMH, Westat, and the Maryland reporters.

K. Stern asked if there were any suggestions for future educational topics for this teleconference. M. Mesnard suggested using the Reporters Teleconference to discuss Vital Statistics matching and the Death Clearance Process.

The next Reporters Teleconference will be held May 6, 2008 from 9:30am-11am.