



MEETING SUMMARY

Advisory Committee to the Texas Cancer Registry (ACTCR)

Friday, September 9, 2016

[DSHS Central Campus](#), Room G-107

1100 W. 49th St., Austin, TX 78756

Members/Designees/Guests Participating:

Michael E. Scheurer, Ph.D., M.P.H., Baylor College of Medicine, **ACTCR Chair**
Sandra Balderama, M.P.A., Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas
Theresa L. Byrd, R.N. Dr. P.H., Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
Sharon H. Giordano, M.D., M.P.H., University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
James S. Goodwin, M.D., University of Texas Medical Branch
Daikwon Han, Ph.D., Texas A&M University
Edith de Lafuente, B.A., CHW, Dept. of State Health Services, Health Promotion & Chronic Disease Prevention
Philip Lupo, Ph.D., M.P.H., Baylor College of Medicine
Sandi L. Pruitt, Ph.D., University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
Amelia Ramirez, Ph.D., M.P.H., University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio
Sanjay Shete, Ph.D., University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
Menghua Tao, Ph.D., M.P.H., University of North Texas Health Science Center
Karen Torges, Cancer Alliance of Texas (CAT)
Maria Hoang Tran, M.P.H., C.T.R., Memorial Hermann Healthcare System
Deidre Watson, C.T.R., Oncology Network Consultants
Thomas Yankeelov, Ph.D., University of Texas at Austin, Dell Medical School

Texas Cancer Registry/Environmental Epidemiology and Disease Registries Section Staff Present:

Heidi Bojes, Ph.D., Section Director, Environmental Epidemiology and Disease Registries Section (EEDRS)
Maria Vega, M.P.A., Core Business Operations Manager, Texas Cancer Registry (TCR)
Melanie Williams, Ph.D., Branch Manager, Texas Cancer Registry (TCR)

I. Welcome—Michael Scheurer, Ph.D., M.P.H., ACTCR Chair

Dr. Scheurer called the meeting to order. Attendees introduced themselves. Dr. Scheurer announced that Kelly Willis Merriman, M.P.H., Ph.D., C.T.R., will assume her duties as the new ACTCR chair at the Spring 2017 meeting. Dr. Scheurer solicited nominations for the next vice-chair; none were received during the meeting. Members were encouraged to nominate themselves and/or to nominate another member. Minutes from the March 2016 meeting were approved as presented. There was brief discussion on the operating principle revisions as well as the need for a name change for the committee so as to avoid confusion with legislatively mandated advisory councils/committees. The group decided to defer adoption of the operating principles pending resolution of the name change discussion.

ACTION ITEMS:

- *Members to provide input and/or nominations for the vice-chair position.*
- *Members to provide suggestions on potential new names for the ACTCR that do not reference advisory committee terminology.*

- *TCR to send out a list to members of what other councils and or DSHS committees are called.*
- *TCR to send an email out to members with a call for nominations for the vice-chair position.*

Dr. Williams conducted a quick review of the more substantive action items from the March 2016 ACTCR meeting. These included:

- TCR will continue efforts to work with the Central Texas Temple Veteran's Administration Health Care System in Texas related to submission of cancer data.
 - *ACTION ITEM: TCR will continue efforts to have the Temple VA report cancer cases.*
- TCR provided information in a monthly email about the conversation with CDC related to the reasoning behind cancer sites selected for the data quality evaluation audit.
 - *ACTION ITEM: TCR will resend that information to members.*
- A short meeting was held on the genomics project using registry data after the March 2016.
 - *ACTION ITEM: TCR will discuss further with Dr. Foxhall and follow-up with Dr. Noguiera about a conference call that was held on this topic in April 2016. An additional update on this topic will be sent out to members via one of the monthly emails to members.*

II. Texas Cancer Registry General Update—Discussion led by Melanie Williams, Ph.D.

The following briefly summarizes the topics Dr. Williams discussed:

November calls for data—

The TCR is preparing for the November 2016 calls for data (for reporting year 2014). The TCR again anticipates meeting the Gold standard. Official certification results from the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACCR) and National Program of Cancer Registries (NPCR) for reporting year 2014 data are expected in May or June 2017.

Dr. Williams also shared information that 2013 reporting year data had received the NAACCR Gold Certification and that the TCR was once again recognized by the Center for Disease Control's (CDC) National Program of Cancer Registries (NPCR) as a Registry of Distinction.

NPCR Data Quality Evaluation (NPCR-DQE)

Dr. Williams also informed members that the **NPCR Data Quality Evaluation (NPCR-DQE)** for diagnosis year 2013 was recently completed. The primary purpose of the NPCR DQE, which occurs every three (3) to five (5) years, is to assess the quality of the data of NPCR-funded statewide, population-based cancer registries. The evaluation assessment is based on the existence of appropriate policies and procedures for assessment of data quality, text documentation, data consolidation, and completeness of treatment information. TCR's overall data accuracy rate of merged data for diagnosis year 2013 was 94.8 percent and if fully consolidated cases had been submitted for the evaluation, the overall accuracy rate of merged data would have been approximately 98.4% or 1.6% errors.



HB 2641 Implementation

Dr. Williams provided an update on HB 2641 (84th Texas Legislative Session) implementation related to public health reporting through Health Information Exchanges (HIE). Members received a copy of the presentation that was covered in an August 30th meeting with the HIEs, DSHS impacted programs, and other interested stakeholders.

HB 2641 required the TCR to adopt rule amendments related to the reporting of cancer data via an HIE. On August 18, the Department of State Health Services Council approved the amendments to TCR rules that add the receipt of cancer data via a HIE as an additional reporting method for the receipt of cancer data. Following publication of the proposed rules in the Texas Register, a comment period, and final adoption, the rules are anticipated to become effective in Spring 2017.

Cancer In Texas 2016 Annual Report to the Legislature:

The Cancer in Texas 2016 Annual Report was submitted to the Legislature on September 12 as mandated by the Texas Cancer Reporting Act. The report is posted on the TCR webpage (<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/tcr/>).

HPV Strategic Plan Development and Activities (HB 1282)

The TCR is participating in Health and Human Services (HHSC) and Department of State Health Services (DSHS) agency efforts to implement HB 1282 related to the development of a human papillomavirus (HPV)-associated cancer strategic plan. The TCR is providing data, participating in work groups related to implementation, and is working with other parties to estimate both direct and indirect (using Medicare data) costs attributable to vaccine-preventable cancers (such as HPV and cervical cancer). The report is due to the Texas Legislature on December 31, 2016.

ACTION ITEM: TCR to notify members when the report is available.

ACTION ITEM: Karen suggested that the TCR contact Dr. Lois Raymondetta with MD Anderson concerning the costs of vaccine preventable cancers and HPV.

Web Survivorship Module/MOU Pilot update

The TCR is working with the NPCR in testing the Web Survivorship Module and beginning efforts to pilot the module with two facilities/hospitals. Using this module, Electronic Health Record (EHR) data would be used to automate survivorship care plans. There have been some challenges experienced with getting the software fully operational and TCR will continue efforts with the NPCR to resolve those issues.

ACTION ITEM: TCR to provide an update at a future meeting.

Member Discussion on work and strategic plans for next 1, 3 and 5 years.

Dr. Williams spoke about how the TCR has an ongoing need to strategically plan registry priorities and the future path for the TCR. There are multiple opportunities and initiatives right now that provide an opportunity for the TCR to continue to grow and pursue new funding opportunities. Dr. Williams spoke about the NPCR Program Standards, The Surveillance Epidemiology, and End Results Program (SEER), and the future funding opportunity

associated with the TCR potentially pursuing SEER status, and the Cancer Moonshot Blue Ribbon Panel Report. There are many considerations that have to be evaluated before TCR pursues SEER status including such things as capital authority related to automation systems. The TCR is working on a briefing paper on the SEER funding opportunity for DSHS senior and executive management so that they have the information needed to provide direction to the TCR on whether to pursue SEER status. The group discussed that many of the member have a significant interest in the TCR becoming a SEER registry and that they are willing to help the TCR pursue this status. Dr. Williams suggested the formation of a workgroup of ACTCR members that would support TCR's efforts and serve as a resource for information and assistance. Dr. Giordano volunteered to serve as the chair of the workgroup.

ACTION ITEMS:

- ***TCR to reach out to other states who successfully competed during last SEER funding opportunity to get a copy of the application that they submitted.***
- ***TCR to finalize one-pager on SEER for DSHS' Associate Commissioner for Disease Control and Prevention, share that with members, and to provide update on that effort with ACTCR members.***
- ***TCR to draft a SEER project charter and work with Ms. Giordano to kick off the workgroup efforts.***
- ***Members to let Ms. Giordano know if they are interested in the workgroup and/or to share the information with their peers who they think may be helpful with this effort.***
- ***TCR to ask members if support letters, etc. are needed.***

III. Member Requested Topics

TCR Data Linkages with other data

Members discussed their need to have information that is timely and complete and how enhancing the number of data linkages TCR does with other data sources would improve their and their institutions efforts and eliminate some duplication of effort. Dr. Williams discussed current linkages, enhancement plans and efforts including linkages with the state inpatient database, Medicare, Medicaid, and others. Dr. Williams related that TCR currently does do linkages with many sources and that she would direct staff to provide more detailed information on the type and frequency of linkages that TCR does on the TCR website in order to further enhance understanding of what the TCR presently does related to linkages. There will be additional internal discussions with the Center for Health Statistics and others on the linkages that are done, others that could be done, how often they could/should be done.

Dr. Williams spoke briefly about the DSHS Institutional Review Board (IRB) process. A member suggested that perhaps an ACTCR member should sit on the IRB. Dr. Williams to discuss this with her management chain.

ACTION ITEMS:

- ***TCR to develop and post additional information on the type and frequency of data linkages on the TCR website.***
- ***Members to share additional ideas and needs related to data linkages with the TCR.***

- *TCR (Dr. Williams) to discuss ACTCR members' interest in participating in the IRB with DSHS Senior Management.*
- *TCR to provide update on internal discussions of data linkages at the next meeting and/or via the monthly ACTCR email.*
- *Melanie and Heidi to brief the Associate Commissioner on the issues related to data linkages.*

TCR and Conference Presentations

Dr. Scheurer and other members spoke about how important it is for the TCR to share information about the TCR and the data it collects in diverse ways, including presentations at conferences. Members are encouraged to submit possible opportunities (conferences, etc.) at which the TCR can present.

ACTION ITEMS:

- *Members to share ideas on conference presentations with the TCR.*
- *Dr. Scheurer to forward to Dr. Williams the contact information related to the March 2017 Texas Adolescent and Young Adult Oncology Conference (March 3-5 in San Antonio).*

IV. Member Updates/New Business—Michael Scheurer, Ph.D., M.P.H./Members

- Next meeting—proposed for March 2017 and one for September 2017
- Members provided updates on projects they were working on and/or other topics of interest to the group. These updates included:
 - Texas Tech is opening up a veterinarian school in Amarillo and a dental school in El Paso (2020);
 - UT campuses and leadership are working on multiple population based initiatives including significant efforts on tobacco control and prevention activities; and
 - An update on the Comprehensive Cancer Control Program's activities.

ACTION ITEMS:

- *TCR to send out poll for meeting dates and attempt to schedule meetings for a year at a time.*
- *Members to suggest agenda items for future meetings.*

V. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:30 PM.