MEETING SUMMARY

Advisory Committee to the Texas Cancer Registry (TCR)
Wednesday, October 16, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Members/Designees/Guests Participating:

Maria Hoang Tran, MPH, CTR, Memorial Hermann Healthcare System, **ACTCR Chair**
Theresa L. Byrd, RN, DrPH, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
Amanda English, MPH, CPH, CHES, American Cancer Society
James S. Goodwin, MD, University of Texas Medical Branch
Daikwon Han, PhD, Texas A&M University
Kelly Willis Merriman, MPH, PhD, CTR, University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
Michael E. Scheurer, PhD, MPH, Baylor College of Medicine
Deidre Watson, CTR, Baylor Scott & White Health, Round Rock
Kristina Walker Whitworth, PhD, MSPH, School of Public Health, San Antonio Regional Campus

Texas Cancer Registry (TCR)/Other DSHS Staff Present:

Melanie Williams, PhD, Branch Manager, TCR
Susan Perez, CTR, RHIT, Registry Operations Manager, TCR
Katie Dahlquist, MEd, Information Specialist, TCR

Note: Please refer to the ACTCR webpage for handouts and presentations from the meeting (see links under October 2019: http://www.dshs.texas.gov/tcr/actcr.aspx.

I. Welcome — Maria Hoang Tran, MPH, CTR, ACTCR Chair	
Call to Order and Approval of Minutes	• Called meeting to order. • Approved minutes from April 2019 ACTCR meeting.

II. General Update — Melanie Williams, PhD, TCR Branch Director

Staffing Update	• Paige Miller-Gianturco, PhD, has transitioned to a new position. She is now the TCR's senior research specialist. • Saroj Rai, PhD will become the TCR Epidemiology Manager on October 23. She previously worked on the TCR operations team and has experience working at DSHS and the pharmaceutical private sector. • TCR continues to work on filling vacancies and staff retention. There are currently eight vacancies.

TCR General Updates	*See handout: TCR General Updates*
	• Federal Cancer Surveillance Update
	   o The deadline to submit diagnosis year 2017 data to NAACCR is December 3, 2019.
	   o NPCR has pushed back their deadline until January 2020.
	   o TCR plans to have submit data to NAACCR on December 3. It will also submit to NPCR on this date if they are accepting submissions.
	• State Cancer Surveillance Update
	   o TCR is on schedule with diagnosis year 2017.
	   o TCR is behind with diagnosis year 2018 due to delays from standard setters and software.
	• NPCR Data Quality Evaluation
	   o NPCR conducted a data quality evaluation for diagnosis year 2010–2016 earlier this year. Data accuracy proportion for consolidated data elements was 97.8%. (Anything above 95% is to be commended.)

87th Legislative Session Planning	• Planning for the 87th Legislative Session will begin in January 2020. • TCR wants to be able to link to hospital discharge data and provide deidentified datasets to customers. • Dr. Williams is reviewing statutes for SEER registries in other states, especially for pathology reporting and support for SEER activities.

	• There is constitutional amendment on the November 5, 2019 ballot authorizing the legislature to increase by $3 billion the maximum bond amount authorized for CPRIT. Two-thirds of the TCR budget is supported by CPRIT. • TCR is interested in linkages with Vital Statistics and Centers for Health Statistics birth data (e.g., birthplace, race, and maiden name). Having birth certificate information is particularly important for childhood cancer datasets.
III. Epidemiology Update— Group Discussion	
2019 Data Dissemination Plan	*See handouts: TCR Data Products April-October 2019 and 2019 TCR Data Dissemination Plan (Fall)*
2020 Data Dissemination Planning	TCR start drafting the 2020 Data Dissemination Plan in 2020. Member suggestions for 2020 include: • Oldest old (85 year and older) – ACS Cancer Facts and Figures 2019 had a special section on this age group • Cancer in rural Texas • Data broken down by public health region (especially disparities report)
IV. NCI SEER RFP— Group Discussion	

NCI SEER RFP	• Proposal due February 24, 2020 for contact beginning in November 2020
	• TCR staff will be attending a pre-proposal conference call on October 30
	• TCR received approval to apply and is determining budget amount to request
	• Some challenges to address in RFP are:
	   ○ Continued problem filling TCR vacancies
	   ○ IT system
	   ○ Partnering with NCI-designated cancer systems (TCR might use CPRIT funding for this area because NCI contract is really for funding SEER registry. This might allow for more flexibility in partnerships.)

	• 2018 delays are not expected to affect SEER application. TCR will not have to be at benchmarks at the beginning but will have a plan to meet the benchmarks in the future. • Virtual Tissue Repository is an integral part of SEER registries. TCR will not store samples but could possibly manage data linking to samples. TCR will collaborate with partners to determine best plan to include in application.
V. Member Updates/New Business — Group Discussion	
Call for Vice-Chair Nominations	• Submit nominations for a new vice-chair to Katie Dahlquist by **November 30, 2019**. • Vice-Chair and Chair roles require minimal time commitment, including attending ACTCR meeting, providing input on the proposed agenda, and reviewing the meeting summary.
Member Updates	• Kelly Willis Merriman, MPH, PhD, CTR, was able to onboard 9 new registry staff within 4 months. They are working to catch up on work. Team leads are able to focus on other duties now. • Michael E. Scheurer, PhD, MPH, announced that Melissa Bondy, PhD, left Baylor College of Medicine and is now at Stanford. Chris Amos is the new Associate Director and Michael is the Co-Director for Epidemiology and Population Health.
Next Meeting	• A doodle poll will be sent in January 2020 to determine dates for 2020 meetings.
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