



MEETING SUMMARY

Advisory Committee to the Texas Cancer Registry
Thursday, July 7, 2022, 11:30-1:30

Members/Designees/Guests Participating:

- Philip Lupo, PhD, MPH, Baylor College of Medicine, **ACTCR Chair**
- Sandi Pruitt, PhD, MPH, UT Southwestern Medical Center, **ACTCR Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect**
- Lewis Foxhall, MD, UT MD Anderson Cancer Center
- Kelly Merriman, MPH, PhD, CTR, UT MD Anderson Cancer Center
- Laura Wood, American Cancer Society
- Michael Scheurer, PhD, MPH, Baylor College of Medicine
- Zuber Mulla, MSPH, PhD, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso
- Maria Tran, MPH, CTR, Memorial Hermann Healthcare System
- Sanjay Shete, PhD, UT MD Anderson Cancer Center
- Suntrea Hammar, MD, FASCP, UT Southwestern Medical Center
- Elaine Symanski, PhD, Baylor College of Medicine
- Kristina Whitworth, PhD, MSPH, Baylor College of Medicine
- Caitlin Murphy, PhD, MPH, CPH, UT Health Science Center at Houston

Texas Cancer Registry:

- Melanie Williams, PhD, Branch Manager, TCR
- Keisha Musonda, MPH, Epidemiologist, TCR
- Kristen Smith, BS, Information Specialist, TCR
- Cindy Dorsey, CTR, Program Supervisor VI, TCR

Note: Please refer to the ACTCR webpage for handouts and presentations from the meeting (see links under July 7, 2022: <http://www.dshs.texas.gov/tcr/actcr.aspx>)

I. Welcome – Philip Lupo, PhD, MPH, ACTCR Chair	
Call to Order and Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called meeting to order. Introduced new Information Specialist with TCR – Kristen Smith



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of Continuation of Officers in Current Positions • Chair – Philip Lupo, PhD, MPH • Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect – Sandi Pruitt, PhD, MPH • Approved general minutes. • Discussed replacement for UNT member • Sandi has person in mind but will reach out to them first • Engagement Strategies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suggestion(Philip Lupo) Continue monthly email updates, meeting twice a year in person or in hybrid ○ Suggestion(Melanie Williams) Even if we have one in person, we could plan with it also being a hybrid approach ○ Suggestion(Kelly Merriman) One in person and one remote/hybrid ○ Suggestion(Laura Wood) Keep it flexible and inclusive ○ Final Decision: We will send out monthly emails and meet twice a year, offering a hybrid approach so that anyone can attend physically while still allowing for virtual presence which provides flexibility and inclusivity
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II. General Updates – Melanie Williams, PhD, TCR Branch Director

Staffing Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SEER contract added 10 new positions to the registry to support reg ops for data quality and customer service • TCR is still having some hiring issues (we recognize the national shortage of CTRs) and have been unsuccessful in filling the Epidemiology Manager Position • Melanie will be retiring in November and will need recruitment help for her position <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The position is currently not allowed to telework ○ Question: Could someone already on the team replace Melanie? Answer: There’s been discussion, but they are reluctant ○ Previously TCR running without a director became problematic, so a suitable replacement is a necessity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Susan Perez is coming back, but not in a managerial role
Registry Rules Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 public comment period has already passed but there will be a second for input • You can find the specifics of the rules change in the handouts • This rule change is in response to the switch to an NCI funded central IRB, a hopeful step in a positive direction



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Feedback(Michael Sheurer): As long as the transition is smooth this should be good, but in previous experience it's slowed things down significantly especially with already approved IRBs. But if the rule change and IRB installation go as planned this could be a game changer! ○ Question(Melanie Williams): Should we consider something different or have someone on the board help with the transition? ○ Volunteer(Philip Lupo): Philip has agreed to join the initial conversation with regards to this IRB and rule change due to his position ○ Suggestion(Sandi Pruitt): Consider having this apply to only new IRBs and those already with approval shouldn't have to go through this process as this would slow things down as Michael suggested ○ Next Step: Once rule change has gone through public hearings, it will go through legal review from TCR and the team working the IRB side
<p>CDC New Guidelines on Patterns of Cancer and Environmental Concerns</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members are being asked for their institutions to discuss the changes and comment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussion about concerns with regards to the guidelines ensued • TCR plans to respond as an agency and will share comments • NAACCR and an association of a variety of groups are looking for responses to add weight to concerns
<p>National Program of Cancer Registries CDC Activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDC award was 95/100 • TCR received a 5% cut due to the SEER award, but NCI approved our full budget • Question(Kelly Merriman): How does the CDC benefit from SEER registry? Answer: They receive more data sooner and at a higher accuracy rate. • TCR Needs a Quality Improvement Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suggestion(Melanie Williams): TCR helped with Electronic Pathology Reports in the past despite lack of funding, but the project got derailed; the thought is to fix the reports/freestanding pathology data and assess the process/where to move forward ○ TCR doesn't collect from cancer centers, but as members are added, should it start? OR should it be Phase 1- assess data being received and missed and then consider adding cancer centers and hospitals ○ Input(Sandi Pruitt): Pathology is so diseases specific, is there a better tool than EMaRC? Offer of piloting program if it's not EMaRC



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Initial plans are also to work with MD Anderson looking at early-stage Melanoma reporting ○ Suggestion: Possibly focusing on a few diseases rather than every disease ○ Suggestion (Sandi Pruitt): Ovarian and Colorectal could also be tricky, but lung, brain, and GBMs (especially GBMs that are almost 25% incorrect outside of MD Anderson)
NCI SEER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDC, NAACCR, and NCI partnering better than ever before • Going live with SEER DMS software by the end of the month • TCR has a new GIS position filled by a promising hiree • There are 18 vacancies out of 63 positions, mostly due to the award increase • Question(Kelly Merriman): What are the changes in requirements for reporters with the movement to SEER? Answer: Reviewed reporting letter with new required data items • TCR wants feedback with data sets created when not apart of SEER, should they still be offered since SEER offers similar things or should we take advantage and not double efforts? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suggestion: Have small internal workgroup with feedback from members do assessment of the sets ○ Suggestion: If taken away, maybe compare the sets or offer guides to customers like tech tutorials to train on what’s available on SEER ○ Question: What about policy makers? Should there be a list compiled of who’s requesting what products ○ Input: With the data, it’s helpful if we’re stull subject matter experts and Texas specific ○ Input(Caitlin Murphy): Using TCR data sets, she can get info from 95-99 and individual year data, so she uses all data sets available to her
III. Handout Updates (Not Discussed in Meeting)	
2022 Data Dissemination Plan	See handout for more information
Published TCR Data Products	See handout for list of tables and products published to website in 2022



V. Member Updates— Group Discussion

Member Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Laura Wood reported that the ASCO is collaborating with ACS to create a new interactive map of oncology that she forwarded to the group• Michael Scheuer discussed the change in leadership at Baylor, which will now be led by Dr. Privedi• Kelly Merriman announced MD Anderson did an LGBTQ retreat, which in comparison to their 2019 denial of adding extra sexual orientations, this is a huge step in the right direction for patient care and representation; They are also putting a supplemental grant into the movement• Sandi Pruitt mentioned that UTSW also put in for a similar LGBTQ award
Next Regular Meeting	TBD in Fall, will do a hybrid in-person and virtual if possible; Action Item(Kristen Smith): Send poll for next meeting time

VI. Adjourn