Maryland
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Larry Hogan, Governor · Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor · Dennis R. Schrader, Secretary

Cancer Registry Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2022

Attendees	Affiliation
Elizabeth Platz	Johns Hopkins School of Public Health
Joanne Dorgan	University of MD/School of Medicine
Mary Mesnard	Tumor Registry Association of MD
Monique E. Wilson	MDH/Vital Statistics Administration
Norma Kanarek	Johns Hopkins School of Public Health
Clifford Mitchell	MDH/Environmental Health Bureau
MDH Staff	
Tyler Adamson	MDH/PHPA/CCPC
Kimberly Stern	MDH/PHPA/CCPC/MCR
Jennifer Hayes	MDH/PHPA/CCPC/MCR
Delores Rich	MDH/PHPA/CCPC/MCR
Myriddian Staff	
Carol Carlson	Myriddian, LLC
Greg Hammond	Myriddian, LLC
Sonja Jennings	Myriddian, LLC
Vijay Medithi	Myriddian, LLC
Jason Myers	Myriddian, LLC
Visitors	
Ifeoma Nwigwe	JHSPH (Ph.D Student)
Molly Schwalb	JHSPH (Ph.D Student)

Call to order/Introductions

Introductions:
Each attendee introduced themselves and shared their respective affiliations. Dr. Monique Wilson has assumed the position previously held by Dr. Lee Hurt, who retired in July.

Approval of minutes (May 12, 2022)
The minutes from the May 12, 2022, CRAC meeting were approved.

Announcements – There were no announcements.

Maryland Cancer Registry (MCR) Updates:

COVID 19 Effects
Decrease in Submission:
- The MCR has noticed a 10-20% decrease in data submission from hospitals and facilities.
- The MCR has initiated communication with both NAACCR and NPCR to formally address this matter, seeking clarification on the appropriate completeness target numbers.
   - Both NAACCR and NPCARA have conveyed their response, indicating that data submission should proceed, after which the determination of completeness figures will be made.
     - Completeness refers to formular that is used by both NAACCR and NPCR to observe how many cancer cases are expected compared to what is submitted by the MCR. The goal is to obtain 90 to 95% completeness for 24-month data.
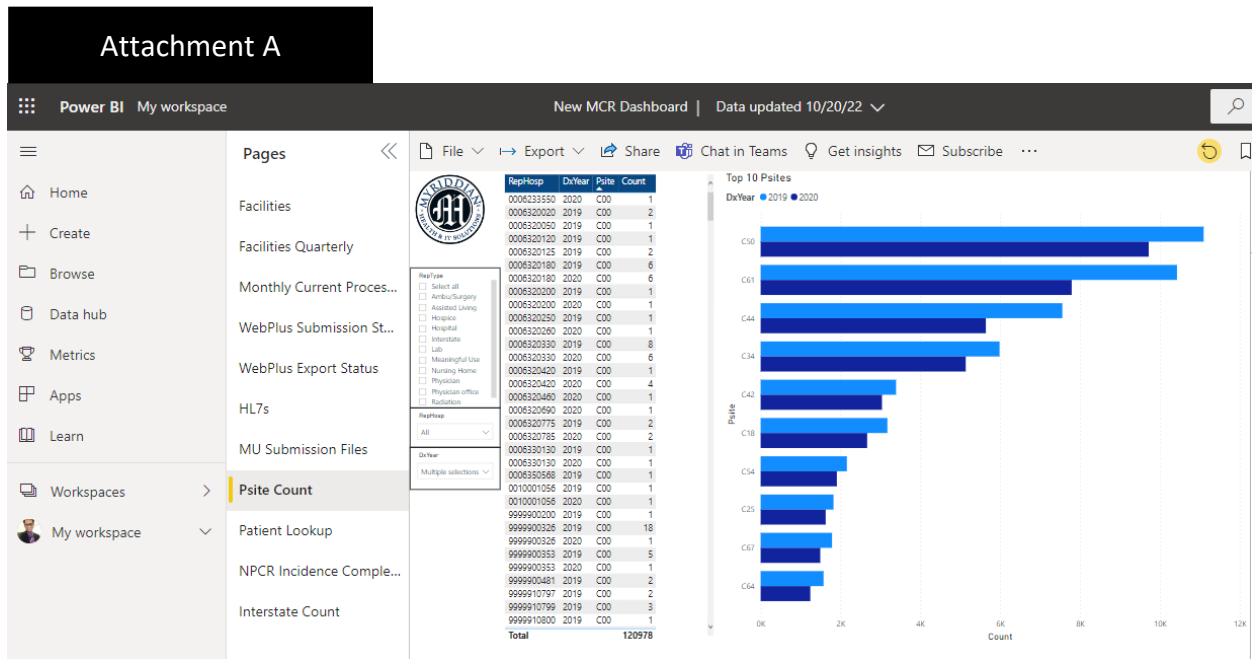
Completeness target:
   - The concern of the MCR is that there has been no target established by either NAACCR or NPCR and it is unclear what goal the MCR is trying to achieve.
   - Myriddian has worked diligently to obtain cases from hospitals and other facilities, but currently the MCR has a completeness rate of 86/ 87% of what is normal.
   - SEER has provided their percent modification (10.68%); however, the MCR is not a SEER state.

Reduced Number of Screenings
   - The potential repercussions of delayed regular screenings during the pandemic pose a significant concern, encompassing both underscreening and underdiagnosis as potential issues.
   - The MCR may see an increase with next year's submission as people may try to catch up with screenings that were delayed during the pandemic.
   - Myriddian presented a table illustrating the decline of the top ten cancer cases in Maryland when compared to previous years. (*See Attachment A*)
     - Breast cancer (2019) 11,095 (2020) 9,719
     - Prostate (2019) 10,427 (2020) 7,790 (tremendous difference or drop)
     - Melanoma (2019) 7,556 (2020) 5,640
     - Lung (2019) 5,983 (2020) 5,136

   - Absolute and percentage drop numbers were requested.

Note: University of MD will submit a report completed by their statisticians that reviewed the changes in screening during COVID. (Dr. Dorgan will submit to Kimberly).
- It was also suggested to review "staging".

Use of MCR Data-

Research Studies- As part of the end-of-year grant report mandated by NPCR, a comprehensive list of all papers utilizing MCR is requested. The MCR data has been utilized to create more than 37 pages of papers and presentations since 2018. Jennifer Hayes, MCR's Senior Epidemiologist, diligently reviews these papers to ensure adherence to the stipulated agreements, accurate reporting of counts, proper acknowledgement of the NPCR grant and no line-listed data are shown.

Hospital Requests- Most Maryland hospitals are CoC hospitals and the facility normally needs to follow-back on patients annually. Since the MCR linkage with Vital Stats, National Death Index, some hospitals find it easier to request follow-back information (to identify which patients are deceased and which are still alive) from the MCR.

Virtual Pool Registry- NAACCR has developed a standardized research methodology wherein researchers can submit their data to NAACCR, which subsequently disseminates it to all states. The MCR facilitates the data linkage process and provides a comprehensive report detailing the linkage percentage. This allows researchers to make informed decisions regarding the states from which they wish to request data. In the last fiscal

year, the MCR received four requests, and since July, an additional five requests have been received. It is anticipated that the number of requests will experience exponential growth.

The MCR also handles a substantial volume of internal data request and also respond to external data requests pertaining to cancer cluster investigations.

Preparation for Data Submission: The MCR is working to prepare data for submission this November. Currently the MCR is at 86% completeness.

Myriddian Updates:
- o Myriddian Quality Assessment Tool presented as a poster at the NAACCR summer forum in June (2022)
- o Process improvement with Power Bi Tracking was presented Live at the NAACCR Summer Forum
- o Myriddian has updated Registry Plus Suite of software to v22 version to process 2022 diagnosis year and before cases.
- o Myriddian has updated WebPlus display types to meet the v22 changes and improve data abstraction by reporters
- o Completed facility audits for FY2022 at 7 facilities
- o completed death certificate follow-back with facilities and physician offices
- o 2022 submission: 2020 Diagnoses year cases expected: 35,171
    - o Currently at 86% (have only added 2,500 cases since May)
    - o Facilities reporting decreased 5 – 20% during COVID
    - o Almost all facilities completed 2020 diagnosis year cases
    - o Performing quality review of data with submission edits
    - o Plan to submit data during third week of November
    - o Current 12-month data (2021 Dx Year) -22,000 or 63% of 2020 expected.
- o NPCR and NAACCR have not adjusted 24-month submission data completeness
- o NPCR and NAACCR intend to make adjustments after data submission.

Closing

Next Meeting: February 9, 2023

Minutes Recorded by Delores Rich	Date of approval

Glossary of Terms:

CCPC	Center for Cancer Prevention and Control

MCR	Maryland Cancer Registry
MQAT	Myriddian Quality Assurance Tool
NAACCR	North American Association of Central Cancer Registries
NPCR	National Program of Cancer Registries
NCI	National Cancer Institute
TRAM	Tumor Registrars Association of Maryland