

**Cancer Surveillance & Research Task Force
Meeting Notes - Thursday, September 14, 2017**

<p>Attendees: Anne Lovelace, Comprehensive Cancer Centers of Nevada Andy Pasternak, MD, Silver Sage for Family Medicine Cari Herington, NCC Cathleen Cheyney, Renown Cathy Short, NCCR Charmian Lykins, MPH, RN, OCN, COHN-S, Renown Health Christine Pool, NCCR John DiMuro, DO, State of Nevada Karen Sartell, Nevada Cancer Research Foundation Lily Helzer, State of Nevada Comprehensive Cancer Control Program Linda Smiley, The Health Foundation Shamoon Ahmad, MD, Cancer Therapy Institute Shannon Yule, Nevada Cancer Research Foundation Sonia Vargas, CTR, Valley Health System Valerie Littlefield, Nevada Cancer Research Institute</p>	
<p>Action Item Progress</p>	<p>Ms. Pool discussed the progress being made with NAC changes including a meeting held on July 27 with stakeholders. There is an additional meeting scheduled for Monday, September 18. Language will be submitted in November. Ms. Herington reported on the actions taken thus far in gathering how cancer data is currently being reported and identifying data needs in Nevada. Conversations held with April Fritz and various CTRs provided valuable information on how smaller practices and organizations are reporting – such as having a face sheet and radiology report provided. In process of building a survey to reach out to current and potential reporters to identify reporting systems and cancer data/information needs.</p>
<p>Nevada Central Cancer Registry (NCCR)</p>	<p>Ms. Pool shared that their new grant period had begun. The following recognitions for NCCR were shared: From CDC-NPR (Grant Funder), the NCCR made registry for surveillance and increased case ascertainment by >40%, decreased unknown race by >60%, and death certificate only cases by >60% from last data submission. From NAACCR- The NCCR did not make NAACCR certification due to incomplete case ascertainment, but did achieve <u>gold</u> in all other registry elements. For CiNA 2010-2014 Publication: Nevada made the map! visit https://www.naaccr.org/cancer-in-north-america-cina-volumes/</p>
<p>Clinical Trials</p>	<p>Dr. DiMuro reported on AB 214 regarding increasing diversity in clinical trials. The Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health, thanks to Julia Peek, have been moving quickly, including setting up a webpage. They are working with Comprehensive Cancer Centers in conducting research to see if we are deficient in diversity and to identify if there really is an issue. Dr. DiMuro is looking at cost-effective ways to promote clinical trials throughout the state including informing and educating physicians and informing patients.</p>

	<p>Karen Sartell and Shannon Yule from Nevada Cancer Research Foundation presented information on NCRF. NCRF serves as the independent review board (IRB) for National Cancer Institute (NCI) clinical trials in Nevada. There are approximately 30-50 currently open for children and approximately 30-50 open for adults at any given time. Much of enrollment relies on the physician or provider, insurance provider may play a role in a patient’s eligibility. Most practices have one or more physicians participating in NCI clinical trials. It just takes a phone call for an oncologist to join a clinical trial.</p> <p>Anne Lovelace, Comprehensive Cancer Centers of Nevada (CCC) shared that they typically have 40 clinical trials open at any given time. For all patients, historically only 2% enroll in clinical trials, and all of the CCC physicians are very engaged in clinical trials. They do television advertising which has been very successful in recruiting. Some barriers are those displaced, transportation issues, especially for elderly patients.</p> <p>Discussion by All - For the VA population in the north, insurance dictates the way a patient is funneled in to a clinical trial. How to increase participation in clinical trials? We need to educate both the patient and providers. There are still many misconceptions regarding clinical trials and participation in clinical trials. Perhaps CE sessions for healthcare providers on clinical trials, how to promote to patients, how to enroll a patient. More public awareness of clinical trials. We want to increase the percentage of people in Nevada diagnosed with cancer enrolled in clinical trials.</p>
<p>Next Steps</p>	<p>All - contact Christine regarding NAC changes Cari – complete data/information survey and distribute DRAFT to Task Force for review/comments All – distribute FINAL survey to colleagues, associations, etc.</p> <p><u>QUARTERLY MEETINGS</u> Thursday, December 14 @ 2:00 PM</p>