2024 Fall Annual Meeting Online

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November 6, 2024 8am - 4pm
NCRA CEs pending

7:30am-7:55am Welcome—**TRAC President Rosemary Crawford & Vice President Kashanna Hector-Lebby**

8:00am – 9:00 am **Sharmen Dye Soft Tissues/Sarcoma—Importance of Accurate Reporting**

9:00am-10:00 am **Jim Hofferkamp Data Item Relationships**

Morning Break 15min

10:15-11:15am **Stephanie Gutierrez Focus Abstracting: Lymphoma**

11:15-12:15 **DPH Central Registry Update /SEER Patterns of Care Studies: Sheri Amechi, Lou Gonsalves/Katrina Swett**

12:15-12:45pm Lunch

12:45-1:45pm **Sarah Graham: Wellness in the Workplace: Practical tips for healthier workdays**

Afternoon Break 15min

2:00-3:00pm **Ren Garcia Is your rationale rational? Coding SSDI fields**

3:00-4:00pm **Kevin Ward/ Elizabeth Hsu MOSSAIC in Action at the Georgia Cancer Registry Contributions of MOSSAIC in Enhancing SEER to Accelerate Cancer Surveillance Research**

4:00pm-5:00pm TRAC Business Meeting (Members Only)

Sarah Graham, PhD
Director of Clinical Research & Business Insights, Lark Health

Dr. Sarah Graham leads the Clinical Research and Business Insights teams at Lark and serves as the Program Coordinator of the Lark Diabetes Prevention Program. She is responsible for communicating Lark's clinical effectiveness and scalable methods for chronic disease prevention and management to governing bodies such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the wider research community. Prior to her work at Lark, Dr. Graham was a clinical researcher at the Stein Institute for Research on Aging at the University of California San Diego where she used biosensors and Artificial Intelligence (AI) techniques to better understand aging from a holistic perspective. She has extensive training in using novel technologies to assess and quantify physical, cognitive, and behavioral health. Dr. Graham has received both extramural and intramural research funding for her work from organizations including the National Institutes of Health and the American Heart Association. She completed her doctoral training in Rehabilitation Science at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Dr. Graham's clinical expertise is in exercise physiology, and she is a Certified Exercise Physiologist through the American College of Sports Medicine and a trained Diabetes Prevention Lifestyle Coach.

Sharmen A. Dye, ODS, Neural Frame

Sharmen is an active ODS-C working as a CoC specialist and works on abstraction projects. She is also the product Specialist for NeuralFrame Software. Shar has a passion for supporting my fellow Cancer Registry colleagues, education, advancement and workflow/process efficiencies.

Ren Garcia, ODS-C, AMN Healthcare
Quality Assurance and COC Survey Specialist

Ren Garcia is a senior oncology data consultant with AMN Healthcare that specializes in quality assurance and survey readiness for COC and NAPBC. Ren has been working in the cancer registry since 2008 and as a remote consultant since 2012. She joined the cancer registry after working various jobs in healthcare including CNA, certified medical assistant and a medical office manager. During her time as an ODS-C she has had the opportunity to work in facilities located in 20 different states. These have included state-reporting only, COC accredited, NIH-designated and central registries. Ren currently wears several hats for CRANE including treasurer, newsletter editor, and president-elect. When Ren is not busy working, she keeps herself out of trouble with various craft projects, gardening, riding her motorcycle, playing with her dogs and keeping up with her 5 kids.

Jim Hofferkamp, ODS, North America Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACCR)

Jim Hofferkamp has over 25 years' experience training cancer registrars. He is currently the NAACCR Program Manager for Education and Training. He is also the NAACCR Edits Metafile Administrator

Sheri Amechi, BS, ODS Public Health Service Manager, Connecticut Tumor Registry

Sheri Amechi has 25 years of experience in the field of Cancer Registry. Currently the Public Health Service Manager for the CT Tumor Registry. Prior to starting at the CT Tumor Registry, I have 16 years of registry management experience, multiple years of abstracting experience. I am currently the Education Director for the National Cancer Registrars Association (NCRA) and a member of the NCRA Mentoring Committee and Program Committee.

Lou Gonsalves, Principal Investigator, Connecticut Tumor Registry

Dr. Gonsalves is the Principal Investigator of the Connecticut Tumor Registry, the state's central registry. She has worked at CT DPH since 2007. Prior to that she was the Associate Director of Research and Information at a central registry in the United Kingdom.

Katrina Swett, Epidemiologist, Connecticut State Central Registry

Katrina Swett Epidemiologist, CT State Central Registry. Joined the Connecticut Tumor Registry as an Epidemiologist in December 2017. Previously I worked at Wake Forest Baptist Health as a biostatistician and at the California Cancer Registry as a Research Scientist.

Elizabeth Hsu, PhD, MPH, National Cancer Institute

Dr. Elizabeth (Betsy) Hsu is the chief of the Surveillance Informatics Branch (SIB) in the Surveillance Research Program (SRP) of the National Cancer Institute's (NCI) Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences (DCCPS). Betsy originally joined NCI as a Cancer Prevention Fellow, where she completed her master's degree in public health at the Harvard School of Public Health. Prior to that, she earned her doctorate in biomedical engineering from the University of Texas at Austin, a master's degree in biomedical engineering from Columbia University, and a bachelor's degree in bioengineering from Stanford University. SIB provides leadership and guidance on cross-cutting SRP activities in the areas of IT and systems infrastructure to support Surveillance Epidemiology and End Results (SEER) central cancer registry operations; exploration of new data sources and linkages to enhance rich public health surveillance data on cancer patients; and development of new informatics and data science tools and methods to improve registry data and efficiency, as well as access to data. Specific projects include the SEER Data Management System (SEER*DMS), the National Childhood Cancer Registry (NCCR), and the Modeling Outcomes using Surveillance data and Scalable Artificial Intelligence for Cancer (MOSSAIC) collaboration with the Department of Energy.

Kevin Ward, PhD
Georgia Center for Cancer Statistics

Kevin is a cancer epidemiologist at the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia with a focus in cancer surveillance. He is the Director of the Georgia Center for Cancer Statistics (GCCS) and the current Principal Investigator of the National Cancer Institute's SEER Registry in Georgia. In partnership with the Georgia Department of Public Health, his Center operates the population-based Georgia Cancer Registry (GCR) and has done so since 1995. The GCR is supported by both the CDC's National Program of Cancer Registries and the NCI's SEER Program and data from the registry is used to develop strategies and policies for cancer prevention and control in our state. Kevin has worked with this Center for over 25 years and has extensive experience, both nationally and internationally, in all aspects of cancer registry development, cancer surveillance and the use of cancer registries for cancer control and research purposes.

Stephanie Gutierrez BS, ODS, Quality Manager, Registry Partners

Stephanie Gutierrez is a Quality Manager at Registry Partners. Stephanie is responsible for oversight of Quality Analysts, as well as Quality Reviews on her assigned abstractor teams. Stephanie serves as a subject matter expert in compiling complex data reports that are utilized by physicians and researchers. Stephanie leads and provides education on monthly huddles, in effort to ensure high quality data. Stephanie has a Bachelor's in Biomedical Sciences, working in several areas of healthcare before becoming an Oncology Data Specialist. Stephanie has ACoS experience and played an integral role in helping her facility become CoC Accredited. She previously managed CoC meetings, tumor boards, and provided training and education to Oncology Data Specialists. Stephanie is passionate about Quality and Education, and especially enjoys mentoring those who have recently become certified. Stephanie is a frequent creator and presenter of educational webinars for the registry community. Volunteer Positions Stephanie is a member of TxTRA and serves as the 1st Vice President, as well as Education Chair. She also volunteers as a mentor for NCRA