

2023 NPCR SOUTH DAKOTA CANCER REGISTRY SUCCESS STORY

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SUCCESSFUL EDUCATION FOR SD CANCER REGISTRARS

SUMMARY

The South Dakota Cancer Registry (SDCR) evaluation in grant year one was designed to assess the SDCR's current educational offerings to the South Dakota-based cancer registrars, analyze internal stakeholder perceptions on collaboration with the SDCR, and monitor adherence to NPCR Work Plan goals.

CHALLENGE

- South Dakota is geographically a very large state so offering high-quality, virtual trainings to cancer registrars is very important. Since the abstracting rules constantly change, cancer registrars need to have the education and tools they need to report accurate cancer data to the SDCR.
- The SDCR strives for one hundred percent of the cancer cases diagnosed and treated in South Dakota to be abstracted by certified cancer registrars.

SOLUTION

- The SDCR partners with the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACCR) to deliver monthly virtual webinar trainings to South Dakota-based cancer registrars.
- The SDCR supports the annual educational conference for the Cancer Registrars Association of the Dakotas (CRAD) to provide a hybrid (in-person and virtual) conference.

RESULTS

- The evaluation team conducted a survey of the cancer registrars in 2023 to analyze the cancer registrars' perception of the educational offerings. According to the survey results, the majority of the cancer registrars found the trainings offered to be useful, they felt very prepared for their role in the cancer registry field, and that the SDCR provided them with adequate support.
- The survey was distributed to the 25 cancer registrars in South Dakota and 18 responded for a response rate of 72%.

SUSTAINING SUCCESS

- Current recommendations are to: 1) offer educational sessions to cancer registrars covering a review of cancer registrar basics, state-specific requirements, registry management, abstracting resources, and American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC) staging tips, and 2) address time constraints with internal partners.
- The SDCR staff believes the current success will be sustained.

STORY QUOTE

A direct quote from a cancer registrar survey participant, “We are able to attend NAACCR Webinars and CRAD through the financial help and support of the SDCR. Without this help, I am afraid we would not all be able to provide accurate and complete information to the SDCR that we do now as there would be no facility financial support.” The summary from the annual evaluation report stated that stakeholders are satisfied with SDCR leadership, communication, and access to data. The SDCR staff members provide valuable and capable services, and the data from the SDCR is utilized by a variety of professionals throughout the state.

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