

Community Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
For the Cancer Cluster Investigation
February 16, 2011, 7:00pm-8:30pm
Frederick County Health Department
Auditorium (entrance "C")
350 Montevue Lane
Frederick, MD 21702

TAC Purpose: **a).** To provide assistance in determining what questions should be examined regarding cancer numbers – geographic region, time period, types of cancers, etc. and then **b).** To identify options for how to answer the question(s)/hypothesis(es).

Working Hypothesis: There is an increased rate of cancers (gather data on all, possibly narrow down later based on confirmed exposures) within a ¼ mile radius around Ft. Detrick (Area A and B).

- I. Introductions
- II. Review of Notes from January 19 Meeting
- III. Update on Ed Kruse's Proposal
 - a. Review of research proposal
 - b. Status of approval at UMD
 - c. Opportunities for local assistance
 - d. Discussion of how this may impact the work of this TAC
- IV. Presentation of KRF Data Collection and Analysis (KRF Representative - Rachel)
 - a. # individual persons diagnosed with cancer
 - b. # of reports of cancer that were self reports
 - c. Time period covered for the dates of diagnosis
 - d. Geographic area covered, e.g. how far from Ft. Detrick
 - e. How many cases reported within ¼ mile of fence line and the time period covered
 - f. Analysis findings to date
 - g. Discussion of what else is needed to make best use of this data and to answer the working hypothesis of this TAC
- V. Next Steps
 - a. Next Meeting: March __?__
 - b. Homework to be completed before next meeting - __??__