

Community Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
For the Cancer Cluster Investigation
April 20, 2011

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 and 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

Members Present: J. Bee (via phone); D. Blank; B. Brookmyer; K. Harbaugh; Ed Kruse; B. Roberson; George Rudy; J. Sawitzke; R. Watkins; Pat Wolfe
Guests: Grace Koehl; Steve Koehl

II. Membership Update

Gary Pauly reported before the meeting started that he would not be continuing to serve on the Community TAC citing conflict of interest concerns raised by his employer.

III. Ed Kruse's Research Proposal

Feedback provided on draft survey. G. Rudy distributed a table of Walkersville "Olde" Communities by name and number of properties plus additional comments. A map was also distributed with the community names labeled.

IV. Next Meeting – TBA - To occur after Ed Kruse receives feedback from the University of Maryland Institutional Research Board (IRB) in mid to late May