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Implementing Version18 with a Collaborative Approach

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SUCCESS STORY

SUMMARY: Since its inception, the Wyoming Cancer Surveillance Program (WSCP) has used Rocky Mountain Cancer Data Systems (RMCDS) as their cancer abstracting software. The WCSP has built a great relationship with RMCDS over the years. This strong relationship was evident during the past couple of years with the ongoing collaboration needed in the implementation of Version 18. To ensure that changes and implementation associated with Version 18 occurred seamlessly, required continuous collaboration between the WCSP and RMCDS.

CHALLENGE: Due to the WCSP not using Registry Plus for abstraction it is was imperative that RMCDS to work with and have voice on workgroups/committees with both the National Program of Cancer Registries (NPCR) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACCR) regarding changes and final implementation of Version 18. This collaboration between RMCDS and NPCR/NAACCR was imperative to keep the WCSP on a parallel time frame as the other states who use NPCR's Registry plus software, so as not to put the WCSP months behind in implementation.

SOLUTION: The RMCDS continued to attend workshops and meeting regarding Version 18. They also requested of the WCSP (as they have done in the past) to Beta test portions of Version 18 to check for any errors, inconsistencies or other issues with the implementation. Being a smaller registry, the WCSP is able to assist RMCDS in these testing procedures. It is not only beneficial the WCSP – being able to have a sneak-peek and see how the new Version will perform within the WCSP, but it is also helpful to RMCDS' testing to have the proverbial "another set of eyes" looking for potential issues.

RESULTS: The WCSP converted over to Version 18 after the 2018 submission in mid-December 2018. The WCSP does not expect to have any major interruptions in the abstraction of cancer cases with the implementation of Version 18.

SUSTAINING SUCCESS: There will still be issues that come to the fore with any major change e.g. Version 18. For the WCSP to maintain their current level of success using RMCDS software with the implementation of Version 18, will require the WCSP to continue to have consistent communication and a strong working/collaborative relationship with RMCDS as in years past.

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