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State Data Center (SDC) Steering Committee Conference Call, July 10, 2018

State Data Center Steering Committee	Customer Liaison and Marketing Services Office (CLMSO):	Census Information Centers (CIC) Steering Committee
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Call began at 2:01 pm EDT

Discussion about Participation Statistical Areas Program (PSAP) and Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) lag effects and that Census programs that collect and maintain data do not seem to be on the same page.

- PSAP participant recruitment was not uniform and sometimes not communicated between Census divisions.
- Some LUCA participants are noticing that information provided to permits surveys, boundary and annexation survey, and population estimates program housing review either lags or falls through the cracks; this can cause discouragement.
- SDCs need to be cognizant of the lagged effect when reviewing materials that may be updated in one program versus another. Encourage local data reporters to stick with it.

[Federal Register Notice on 2020 Census Operations](#)

Should we respond as a Steering Committee?

- Potentially comment that we don't support the addition of the citizenship question due to cost.
- Skip-sensing – Dan I.'s thoughts on encouraging community members to respond but we need more clarification on whether the online form can be submitted without filling out all questions.
- Issue tabled and discussion will continue via email.
- Federal register notice closes on August 7.

Barbara joined 2:14 pm

Toni joined 2:15 pm

[Federal Register Notice on Mash-up of Federal Statistical Agencies](#)

Discussion centered around datasharing and relationships between the agencies. The Steering Committee will not write a letter.

[Local Update of Census Addresses \(LUCA\) Updates](#)

- Suzan: New Mexico's data dissemination specialist (DDS) and 2020 Partnership is going as well as it can be. Current concern with LUCA is that changes have not been made in partnership files (understand there is a lag). Local agencies are asking why they should participate in programs if their work isn't being used. How do we address this? Keeping local governments engaged with Census Bureau is a hard sell. Other than that, LUCA is going pretty well. Had 24 entities submit work successfully. LUCA response line has been really good with problems with Geographic Update Partnership Software (GUPS).
 - Barbara: Some of the time delay is due to the limited building permits staff – down to 2 people.
- Todd: Advising some counties in Minnesota. They appear to be making progress. Anyone else hands on involved with LUCA?
- Pam: Florida has a good relationship with the Atlanta regional office staff. Some of the same staff from 2010, which makes it easier. They've been extremely responsive and we don't have any issues at this time. Make sure you are engaged if you are doing this all the way through the process. Some local offices have staff changes and don't know what to do to sign-out of the program, etc.

Relationship with Regional Office

- Todd recommended contacting the regional offices if you'd like to know who the Census Bureau is talking to – a list of communities that have committed to start a local Complete Count Committee and/or a list of who has already been contacted. Chicago regional office has been helpful and efforts are on the right path.
- Lakiva sent an email at the end of June with the regional office contacts. That list is also posted on the [clearinghouse website](#).

Data User Branch Updates and News

Barbara updates:

- Some recent SDC lead changes include:
 - Diana Lightwood from Nevada is leaving. Will know about the new SDC soon.
 - Mary Craige is back in Montana.
- Updates on upcoming PSAP communications
 - July 27 sending out to 3,000 counties over 2-3 days.
 - Packet will include an invitation to participate, guide booklet, and response form for participation. Copies of letters going out to SDCs.
 - Mario will receive all of Puerto Rico's packets and will disperse.
 - Boundaries will be sent out to those who return participant letters.
- Upcoming Steering Committee meeting dates are August 20-21.

Toni updates:

- Agenda for Steering Committee meeting is in review for approval. Waiting on last couple of requests for hotels. Hoping to have something really soon.
- Hoping to send out administrative letter late this week or next week.

Other:

- Gregg Bell has volunteered to present an "explainer session" on SDCs, for the CIC conference.
- Pam: Florida has a new SDC lead.

Update from the Work Group on 2020 Preparedness (Dan, Jenn)

- Setting up a meeting in the next 2 weeks.
- Everything that was sent to us by group participants was able to be added to the clearinghouse forms with help of Todd.
- Main topic of meeting will be how we collect even more and how we encourage people to contribute more – how to distribute the work.

The Next Plan To Plan Webinars

Complete Count Committee (organized by Jenn)

- Planning for late September.
- Planning to contact Liz Brooks of Alaska and Bob Coats of North Carolina.

PSAP (organized by Suzan)

- Planning for early December.

Update on CIC Activities

Dan I. and Toni:

- Excited about Steering Committee Meeting and CIC Conference.
- Working to finalize the agenda. CIC Steering Committee provided feedback including requests for more 2020 preparation.
- Honoring Angelo Falcon during conference who passed away in May.
- Core competencies are being reviewed and presented at meeting.
- Annual report is out. Getting responses but a few still out. That will be a part of discussion for conference.

Next Regular Monthly Conference Call: August 14

- Chairman will cancel this one if there is nothing urgent for discussion that week.
- Barbara: September Plan-To-Plan can be done via WebEx, as long as we get the data / information in time. No need for conference call about it – it can be done via email.

Conference call adjourned 2:50 pm EDT.