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State Data Center (SDC) Steering Committee Conference Call, October 9, 2018

State Data Center Steering Committee	Customer Liaison and Marketing Services Office (CLMSO):	Census Information Centers (CIC) Steering Committee
Todd Graham Suzan Reagan Gregg Bell Michael Moser Mallory Bateman	Dan Veroff Allen Barnes Jenn Shultz	Barbara LaFleur Toni Hall Melanie Poulter

Reminder: our “task list” following the Kansas City meeting is on Google Docs.

Discussed Plan To Plan webinars in general

- For the June webinar, we invited SDC and CIC leads. Attendance was limited.
- For the Oct. 3 webinar, invited the entire SDC listserv and CIC agencies also.
- Is the Steering Committee comfortable with the expanded audience? In general, yes
- DUB’s concern is about capacity. Webinar planned with maximum 100 phone-ins.
- Oct. 3 webinar was a success, and participation was within capacity.

Lists of Local Complete Count Committees known to Census: Regional Office responses?

- Charles Rynerson contacted Los Angeles R.O. – no response
- Suzan contacted Denver – no response
- Jennifer contacted Philadelphia – not available at this time
- Michael contacted New York – no response
- Lakiva noted that she continues to try to get a complete list

“SDC Program Strategic Plan”

- We could look at the “Measures” and evaluate the SDC Program’s success and the Steering Committee’s success through that lens.
- Suggestion for evaluation method:
 1. Yes – done or in progress
 2. Not done but still want to complete
 3. No longer a priority (1-3 suggested by Dan)
 4. Yes, but with room for improvement, etc. (Todd)
- Review as a “homework” assignment as steering committee member and also within your state
- We wanted to finish the discussion in February and begin discussion of next MOA (Todd)
- Is there need to add a section on Census 2020 products in the next MOA (Barb)

Embargo Data Access request:

- Frank Lenk and Jeff Pinkerton at Mid-America Regional Council, a SDC affiliate in Missouri.
- Mid-America Regional Council had access until last year; the assigned person left.
- Everyone was in favor of approval. Suzan will pass contact information to Barb.
- There may be other requests from other SDC Leads, Coords, Affiliates. If so, provide in writing: names, affiliation, email addresses.

DUB team: updates and news

- Lakiva sent notification of new Associate Director (ADCOM), Ali Ahmad
- New Director nominee had hearing before Senate Committee.
- Barb has not received annual reports from 13 states. She requested Steering Committee contact any missing (tree states) about submitting the report. Barb will provide the list.
- Reminder October 17th at 3:00 pm ET – Census Visualization webinar

February 6th-8th Steering Committee meeting

- Please let Barb know if you are able/unable to attend February 6-8 Steering Committee meeting.
- Discussion of the Feb 6-8 meeting conflicting with a meeting of FSCPE? And also with applied demography conference in New Mexico (of interest to Dan).
- New/returning members: Dan's term on Committee ends in Feb.; he's undecided on attending our Feb 6-8 Committee meeting.

Question about [Soliciting Feedback From Users on 2020 Census Data Products; Reopening of Comment Period](#)

- Todd: Looking for more specific information on needs for SF1 tables because of new differential privacy protocols to protect confidentiality – Census may need to limit tables particularly for block level data
- Lakiva: Census did not capture as many comments as expected during first comment period– want more comments on specific tables
- Steering Committee should encourage tree states when contacting them

“SDC Welcome” videos (Toni / DUB)

Topics that can be covered in 2-5 minutes. Steering Committee's suggestions:

- About the SDC Program – Michael volunteered
- How to Build an Affiliate Network – Gregg volunteered
- Holding an SDC Annual Conference – Suzan has a draft script and will send to Barb and Toni for review
- Core Competencies – no volunteers, so uncertain.

Plan To Plan webinars

- The link to the Oct 3 webinar: “Organizing a Complete Count Committee” recording and the presentations will be posted to SDC Clearinghouse site and notice of posting sent to the networks.
- Next Plan To Plan webinar topic is PSAP.
- Barb will follow up with Suzan about logistics for PSAP webinar.

Update on CIC activities (Melanie Poulter)

Full conference in Kansas City focused on preparing for Census 2020

- A panel discussion was held to provide information on what was done in the past and what is being done currently to promote the Census.
- There was a brainstorming activity similar to the session at the SDC conference in April.
- There were DDS regional roundtables.
- They discussed network goals and Core Competencies.
- They are working to recruit new Steering Committee members.

Joint conference call SDC and CIC steering committees

- Tentative November 6th at 3:00 pm ET. SDC committee members are available. Toni will check availability of CIC members.
- Discussion topics/areas of collaboration
 1. Workgroup on Census 2020 preparedness
 2. Inventory of SDC skills – Michael has a draft ready to send out for review – when complete, it can be modified for use by the CICs
 3. Our roles in Complete Count Committees

Call ended 4:03pm ET