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## State Data Center (SDC) Joint Call with CIC Steering Committee, February 19, 2019

<i>State Data Center Steering Committee</i>	<i>Customer Liaison and Marketing Services Office (CLMSO):</i>	<i>Census Information Centers (CIC) Steering Committee</i>
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Meeting kicked off at 3:20 pm EST

Lakiva talked about her excitement on the new members of both committees and working with all.

Joint conference with SDC, CIC, DDS the week of June 10-14th 2019. Steering committee members will fly in June 9th and meet June 10th through June 11th. Full SDC meeting starting June 12th. Wednesday and Thursday full joint meeting days, Friday 1/2-day breakout for the individual groups.

Agenda will be tight but will strive to have enough time for all topics to be covered.

Beyond that, next steering committee meeting is tentatively planned for October 2019, then the full annual conference again in June 2020. There will not be an in-person kick-off conference for 2020.

In setting the agenda, CLSMO/DDS staff are meeting for the first time on February 20<sup>th</sup>. SDC agenda item requests to Barbara and CIC to Toni. Then, CLMSO will look for areas of commonality for the different groups (SDCs, CICs, DDS) vs those sessions that would be independent. Topics should be submitted as soon as possible to facilitate planning.

**Topic areas that U.S. Census Bureau will provide at the annual conference include:**

- Update on Race and Ethnicity,
- Update on undercount groups, (e.g. young children), other key partner groups
- Communications Status
- New Construction
- CESDSI
- Language assistance
- Redistricting / prototype products
- Discussion with Partnership Specialist from each region

CIC discussed relevance of redistricting and mentioned key work they are doing with minority groups.

SDC indicated would like the ability to have state- and CIC-led sessions; Lakiva indicated they would be opportunities. These sessions would be colleague-to-colleague sharing sessions so we can learn from each other. This is the purpose of the networks – to assist each other as well as the Bureau. These sessions have been very successful in past years.

By **Friday March 1, 2019**, Lakiva would like to have **steering committee topics** and then the annual conference topics. Here is the list we had presented to the Bureau before:

**Potential annual conference topics discussed by the SDC.**

- All things 2020 Census related
  - 2020: Preparation, updates, and SDC roles
  - 2020 communications plan updates
  - Complete Count updates/information
  - SDC partnerships with programs, including Governors' Liaisons program and Data Dissemination Specialists (DDSs), in support of the 2020 Decennial census
- CEDSCI status update and new features
- SDC led sessions
  - How to present data on special populations
  - ACS: How is it working, where are we now
  - MOEs: what are they, what value do they provide
  - ACS - Supplemental Tables?
  - ACS - Disability Data
- Tori Velkoff/ ACSO : administrative records data validation. What are they doing that is new with administrative records?
- Differential Privacy -- Presentation from John Abowd's office on differential privacy: what is it? How's it affect new 2020 data tabulations? How do we explain this to the data-using public?

That last topic, Differential Privacy, is super important, and will be new to most of our audience.

Also, Barb, there are a few topics that were on our canceled Feb 6-8 agenda -- topics that could be presented to the whole network at Annual Conference.

- What's new with 2020 communications and partnership
- 2020 preparations by states, and SDCs' roles
- Census Intergovernmental Affairs Office: what they do with the Governor's Liaisons Program: are there program activities or communications?

And I would like to add two more things that did not make it into the meeting minutes:

- Tables and product design of 2020 Census SF1, SF2, etc.
- James Whitehorne on Redistricting Data Program – and RDP's proposal in 12/28/18 Federal Register to consider how/whether citizen counts are incorporated into the 2020 P.L.94-171 file

It was suggested we have a brief discussion (10-15) minutes to talk about relationship with DDS / Partners to talk about issues and what we can all do better. Whether on the agenda, as an icebreaker, or dealt with a different time in a social hour will be discussed further.

Also, suggested collecting updates by region before the meeting to view what everyone is doing and make it available before the conference – both the SDC/CIC as well as DDS. This way folks would already be aware on efforts and we could discuss the content in a more meaningful way. Would allow us to review the materials ahead of time and allow us to share ideas. Get us beyond just “reporting out.”

There are also other items to discuss regarding the regional calls – difference in format, use of the reports, etc. Pam will talk with Lakiva more on this topic on a different call.

Bureau is anticipating sending a save the date conference in March – Lakiva thinks that the location will be part of the save the date. *(Since the conference call – Save the Date notice from the Census Bureau -- Joint SDC and CIC Annual Training Conference, June 12-14, 2019. Location: TBD)*

The meeting ended at 4:03 EST.