

NATIONAL STATE DATA CENTER STEERING COMMITTEE

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State Data Center (SDC) Steering Committee Conference Call, September 8, 2020

State Data Center Steering Committee	Customer Liaison and Marketing Services Office (CLMSO):	Census Information Centers (CIC) Steering Committee
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- Approval of Texas SDC affiliate embargo access – No discussion from group, embargo access approved.
- Verification of embargo for 2019 ACS release - Embargo period for ACS 1-Year release is September 15. Webinar on September 10.

Census 2020 Operations Update

- Any update available on the judge’s order for Census to stop shutting down operations? No updates from CLMSO – operations still scheduled to end September 30th
- Bob provided details sent to field staff which were also included in court filings
- Montana heard that operations would end a week earlier – September 23rd
- Some Washington ACOs are closing early but communication hasn’t been clear
- Question - Are the timelines the same in each state?
- There are many questions about operations, timelines and accuracy – we are not hearing consistent messages from the Census Bureau
- Bob also shared a complaint from a Census enumerator submitted through the NC Fraud and Abuse portal. Might be some state-level follow-up with Census Bureau.
- Is there any update on the Census Enumeration at Transitory Locations? The states have not heard any information – no update from CLMSO.
 - Local partners are reaching out to SDC contacts asking if this is still occurring.
 - WA has heard that partners are being asked for locations for homeless count, but haven’t heard anything regarding RV parks, marinas, fish camps, etc.
 - A press release on September 9th indicated that the count has begun and will continue through September 28th. The Service-Based Enumeration counting people who are experiencing homelessness and/or live in makeshift tents or RV encampments where they do not pay to stay is scheduled for September 22nd-24th.

October Steering Committee Meeting

- Meeting will be virtual
- Barb and Toni are meeting Wednesday 9/9/20 to discuss the agenda
- Agenda needs to be approved by management
- Steering Committee provided topics to Barbara

- Topics may be added by the Census Bureau
- Additional topic – Population Division how will data with DP applied be used?
- If any information is presented at the FSCPE meeting related to this please share with SDC network
- Can tribal liaison or Census staff managing work in tribal areas provide update on collection in tribal areas – Mary has a regular call about tribal count – Mary/Suzan can request a call with the Steering Committee
- Federal Register notice on CQR – can we get an update? The question is on implementation of differential privacy. Michael is on agenda to talk about differential privacy, but if we want to learn more about other areas of differential privacy we probably need to look to other speakers. Bob noted that Michael’s insights have been helpful but are typically inward focused
- Can we get an update on data products? What household data will we get? What tables are confirmed? Toni will reach out to Mark Perry about an update.

CIC Update

- Planning agenda for their Steering Committee meeting
- Melanie Poulter will be rotating off the committee in October
- Gwynne Evans-Lomayesva will be incoming chair and Doug White vice chair – they will change roles during the October meeting
- Part of their conversation included updates to their Sharepoint site and how to best advocate for 2020 Census timeline extension – Michael provided SDC work and some other information from the network

Steering Committee Elections

- Follow guidelines in Bylaws
- Bob will review and send email
- Pam noted we also need to do a call for nominations for Gustafson award

Barbara and Toni have worked on the MOA

- Waiting for final approval
- Will be sent to network in early October

What are states doing during this final month?

- New Mexico has several complete count committees that are incentivizing Census completions through gift cards.
- Montana has a state-level contest with the opportunity for communities to win \$5000. Also giving away grocery and gas cards if they complete the Census.
- NC has a final burst of meetings to share tools – got \$5M in state funding after providing update on how many households hadn’t responded at the beginning of NRFU and implications to overall population count and funding.
- Chicago ABC affiliate is doing a special today in the afternoon with Q&A on 2020 Census.
- Vermont state legislature gave \$6,000 worth of advertising.

Call ended at 4:00 pm