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State Data Center Conference Call April 9, 2024

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3:05 PM EST Mallory Bateman called the meeting to order

Listserv

- Katie Springer is going to share the steps to approve people's requests to be on the Listserv with Mallory so that we can be sure to approve new SDC affiliates' requests easily.
 - Alaska is changing SDC leads—Mallory will put Devon in touch with the new lead.

Tree States

- The steering committee has updated the tree state groupings to try to have more regional groupings. That new file will be shared, and steering committee members can let Mallory know if they have changes they'd like.
- Steering Committee should send Mallory some of their Census specialties so that states can reach out to the steering committee based on those categories in addition to the tree state groupings.

Webinar

- The SDC/CIC partnership webinar went great! The Steering Committee will upload the presentations and video to the Clearinghouse.

Detroit – “County Cap” Rule

- The steering committee discussed the news about Detroit lawsuit against the Census Bureau. <https://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/detroit/2024/03/28/detroit-sues-census-bureau-population/73128598007/>
- The issue of the “county cap” rule is that county population counts are fixed so any increases to city or town population counts are complicated by making those increases impossible or taking the population from another city/town. This was an issue in Seattle and Austin's undercounts.
- LUCA – there's some talk of extending the window of LUCA to improve the Census Bureau's address file to hopefully address some of these issues before 2030.

MOA

- Alfred will share the updated FSCPE Memorandums of Agreement. The FSCPE steering committee was unhappy with the language around differential privacy in the initial draft, so the Census Bureau is rethinking their language. The SDC steering committee will review the FSCPE MOA for consideration with the SDC MOAs.

State-Led Special Censuses

- TN: <https://tnsdc.utk.edu/special-census/>
- WA: <https://ofm.wa.gov/washington-data-research/annexations-and-municipal-boundary-changes/census-forms-manuals-and-training>

Affiliate Meetings

- DUB wants to know about the SDC network's affiliate meetings so they can help us plan and be prepared for all the meetings.
- The steering committee will remind their tree states about Devon's email:
 - It is important to keep Devon in the loop, regardless of whether she is helping to plan the meeting or not so that she can be aware.
 - The network can be creative about how we do the meeting. It doesn't have to be one big meeting. It can be a series or a specific training.
- It might be difficult to have in-person speakers travel a lot in the fall, so the earlier plans are communicated the smoother those meetings will be.

SDC Affiliate meeting speaker recommendation

- SIPP survey overview – Holly Fee from the Census Bureau spoke about the history of it at the Indiana SDC affiliate meeting, and it was very informative and interesting.

Annual Report

- Devon is finalizing the edits on the SDC annual report and will have that ready for the annual meeting.

Annual Meeting

- Census acquisitions is working on a location for the conference. Will be trying to get the admin letters out by the end of the month.
- There will be some extra rooms available if states want to bring extra people to the conference.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 PM EST