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State Data Center (SDC) Steering Committee Meeting, December 13, 2017

Steering Committee (SC)	Customer Liaison and Marketing Services Office (CLMSO):	Census Information Centers (CIC) Liaison:
Allen Barnes Charles Rynerson Dan Veroff Gregg Bell Jenn Shultz Pam Schenker Suzan Reagan Todd Graham	Barbara LaFleur Karen Haugen Lakiva Pullins Termirah Brinkley Toni Hall	Dan Ichinose

Call started at 2:00 pm EST

2020 Census

Todd: LUCA registration has been a success but other things have been moving at a slower pace than people would like. Federal statistical agencies have recommended a change in race/ethnicity categories. OMB was expected to issue a directive by December 1st, but they have not.

Todd recapped his brief discussion with Jeff Hardcastle, FSCPE Steering Committee Chairperson. Jeff has a concern relating to the FSCPE's expected role for Housing Unit and Group Quarters review for the 2020 Decennial Census.

The Steering Committee is considering drafting a letter in support of the Federal Statistical Directive #15, Race and Ethnic Standards. *[The letter sent to OMB Director Mulvaney on December 16th is posted at <https://sdccclearinghouse.com/2017/12/19/letter-on-federal-race-and-ethnicity-categories-for-2020-and-beyond/>.]*

Gustafson Award

Pam reports that all of the nominees for the Gustafson Award were deserving of recognition, but the committee has recommended a recipient. The Steering Committee has agreed and the announcement will be forthcoming next year.

Steering Committee Election

The Steering Committee is working on nominations of candidates for the Steering Committee Election in January 2018. Three seats are up for election and some nominees have been identified and have submitted their information. Dan V. and Gregg will administer the election.

The Steering Committee approved the charge and objectives presented by Dan and Jenn.

February 2018 Steering Committee Meeting in Suitland

Lakiva informed the Steering Committee that DUB is going forward with the National SDC Steering Committee meeting at Suitland HQ on February 5th-7th (half-day on 7th). She asked that Steering Committee members contact her if they are planning on attending.

SDC Guidelines

Todd: Barb shared a draft of revised SDC Guidelines with the Steering Committee in a November 21st email.

Barb: We have taken out references to BIDCs, cited the new by-laws, updated the list of contacts, removed Kendall's name and replaced it with a generic reference to the Chief of CLMSO, and changed the reference to the MOA.

Webinars

We had webinars on LUCA and Data Dissemination. A webinar on the Planning Database (PDB) is scheduled for January 10th. Kathy Kephart will be the presenter. [Note: This was rescheduled for January 17th.]

What would the next webinar(s) be, after the PDB and before PSAP?

Lakiva: Gerson [Vasquez] plans a series on visualizations.

Barb: The hard-to-count mapping site. City University of New York has taken our data and enhanced it. Steve Romalewski will be the presenter.

Charles: I'd like to hear about Partnerships when more information is available.

Lakiva explained that there may be a lack of perceived progress due to significant budget constraints and staffing shortfalls that the Census Bureau is experiencing. She also explained that she is expecting that there will be more information forthcoming as the Partnership Program gets more information from the Census Bureau in the hopeful forthcoming budget fixes.

February 2018 Steering Committee Meeting and April 2018 Annual Training Conference

Todd sent a list of agenda topics for February to Barb and Lakiva.

By February we should have slide decks ready for an April boot camp, and will have an agenda for April. [Note: Lakiva subsequently notified the Steering Committee that the budget would not allow for a boot camp in 2018.]

2020 Preparedness Work Group

Dan V. emailed a document to the Steering Committee this morning explaining Jenn and his concept of the 2020 Preparedness Work Group. They would like to see a collection of work being done by the SDCs on 2020 Decennial Census, presented and accessible on the SDC Clearinghouse site. They will be soliciting work group members soon and will be reporting progress in January 2018.

Todd: I can think of at least five SDCs that have 2020 pages. So, maybe we should target the solicitation for the work group.

CIC Update

Dan Ichinose reports that the CIC Steering Committee conference call meeting is next week.

CICs had a webinar on Tableau yesterday, and are looking forward to a follow-up promoting the use of SharePoint.

The CIC Steering Committee will discuss the Census Bureau's 2020 Communications Plan and make recommendations for CICs to engage.

Allen: The Navajo Nation is participating in LUCA for the first time.

Call ended 3:00pm EST