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State Data Center (SDC) Steering Committee Conference Call, May 8, 2018

State Data Center Steering Committee		Customer Liaison and Marketing Services Office (CLMSO):	Census Information Centers (CIC) Steering Committee
Allen Barnes	Suzan Reagan	Barbara LaFleur	Dan Ichinose
Dan Veroff	Todd Graham	Toni Hall	
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Call began at 2:02 pm EDT

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Todd prepared [letter](#) for Census Geography Division pulling together comments from conference in Providence, RI. Circulated letter at end of April. Ok to approve letter today?

- Dan V.: I'm fine with that.
- There was a second.
- No reservations added.
- Todd: Calling this ready to go. Will send to Vincent in Geography Division.

Suzan R. joined call at 2:05 pm

Date for July SC Meeting – Phoenix, AZ, July 16-18

Most are able to make meeting. Pam needs draft agenda and Melissa is a maybe.

April 2016 Conference Debriefing

Takeaways from the April 2016 conference?

- Todd shared thoughts by email.
- Presentations where time was left for questions and answers were much appreciated.
- SDC-led content and presentations and participation sessions were helpful, especially for new members.
- Data dissemination specialists (DDSs) were a little distracting. We don't get a good opportunity to talk to them. Go in and out of room quite a bit.
 - Regional breakout meeting didn't seem as useful this time.
 - DDSs are under a lot of stress with 2020 being pulled in multiple directions – they weren't easily able to talk about their difficulties and where we can help them. Could we have a moderator next time?
 - Seems to be one-way data gathering.
 - Some DDSs were even in a different room than their states' SDCs.

Barbara and Toni joined at 2:15

- Feelings of raising the same challenges over the last 3 or 4 meetings. Example – we talked about the need for more and better communication. Agreed this was true.
- Dan V.: Todd, were you caught off guard about the Chicago quarterly call on Thursday?
 - Todd: Always the seventh Thursday of the quarter, so in a way we knew about it. But would help if DDB sent calendar appointments farther ahead.
- Potentially moderate DDS and SDC joint sessions?
 - Barbara: who moderates?
 - Suzan: Neutral party
 - Todd: SC members could moderate
 - Barbara: One of us could moderate
- Michael shared highlights from network survey.

Follow up tasks

- Need a volunteer to author a thank you letter to the Census Director
 - Volunteer?
 - Suzan can work on over weekend.

[Note: Following the meeting, a thank you letter was sent on May 14.]

Pain Points

What are pain points, disconnects, or integration needs in the States' and SDCs' relationship with regional offices/ Field Partnership (Steve Buckner's question)?

- Todd volunteered to start with data from survey to organize this information into a letter.
 - Barbara: some of DDS concerns as well as partnership specialists concerns – need to be two separate sections.
- Barbara: Correct with adding in regional offices. Even though partnership specialist is below regional office, there is a different level of communications from the regional offices. What is the regional office doing for promotion within the region?
- Do we want to speak up about this in regional quarterly conference calls?

DUB Team Updates

- Karen Haugen has left Census Bureau.
- Assuming 2020 will heavily be on agenda for July SC meeting.

[Note: Following the meeting, Barb has distributed to the network a list of SDC questions asked at the April conference, and answers from Bureau's program managers and subject experts.]

Census Solutions Workshop Toolkit

Are there more materials for the Solutions Workshop Toolkit?

- Is there a powerpoint version? Or a facilitators guide that goes with this?
- Barbara: Not at this time. In my notes. Let me talk to Lorena.
- Todd: We can revisit. Some of us want to run this workshop and we are wondering.
- Barbara: Have a question for Lakiva and will get back to you all.

Recap of the May 4 American Community Survey (ACS) Data Products Redesign Group

Todd was in DC last week – was with 2 dozen Census power users. Interesting perspective on census products.

- Some of the presentations were same as what we saw in Providence, RI.
- The administrative records use in ACS presentation on May 4 was far more detailed than in RI; ACS Office realizes that CoreLogic vended data is probably “not ready” as an alternative to primary survey research. Told the ACS data users website will have presentations.
- In coming weeks, expect a data users engagement push from Decennial Census Management, asking what tabulations and crosstabs do we want to see in 2020 Census SF1.
 - Lots of questions about what was in SF1 previously and what we want to see going forward.

[Note: Following the meeting, presentations from the May 4 meeting were published to

https://acsdatacommunity.prb.org/data-products-redesign-group/p/dprg_and_acs_may_4_meeting

- Todd has shared these with the steering committee.]

July SDC/CIC SC Meeting Agenda

Agenda item ideas

- Data products coming out of 2020.
- Taking a close look at memorandum of understanding between CLMSO and state and territories.
 - What needs to be added and updated. Expires in 2020. Are there things that are core SDC responsibilities that we want in writing.
 - Barbara: All suggestions are helpful. Has to go through 3 approval levels.
- Updates from Center for Enterprise Dissemination Services and Consumer Innovation (CEDSCI) or any other dissemination tools.
- Pam: DataFerrett
- Suzan: Roles or where partnership people are at in July
 - Barbara: will include in all things 2020
- Barbara: Didn't Kanin say CEDSCI was going live June 19, 2019? That would bring up the questions – how do we starting training people on it.
- Dan V.: Plans to release files and FTP sites, etc.
- Todd: More ideas, email Barbara and cc the rest of us.

[Note: Following the meeting, Todd has emailed Barb and Lakiva with three additional SC meeting topics: SDCs' resources and support of 2020 Partnership; Customer relationship management and shared public calendar; 2019 Annual Conference Planning.

CIC SC meeting on Wednesday that week

USAJOBS

- Pam signed up yesterday for USAJOBS to see employment system, what jobs are available and how it works. Is there something we should be learning? Wasn't as simple as going to Census Bureau website. Are there procedures?
- Suzan is working with moster.com.
- Pam: site points to USAJOBS login. What are we supposed to be telling people? Some are closing soon. These things are happening now. July might be too late?
- Barbara: Up now are just partnership; going in now because should also be underneath regional offices.

- Suzan: was sending people to regional office page.
- Pam: we can discuss offline – maybe get clarification later.

Update from Allen on CIC:

- Citizenship question – email to network along with Lakiva's email.
- Plans for July SC conference.
- Talking about webinar or call for special topics once a quarter as an idea.
- Census fundraisers for CICs to get funding.
- Efforts on Facebook and twitter.
- Getting ready to release or bring out core competency handbook for their program.
- Toni: Releasing in July at annual conference.

Other

Melissa: Feedback from April meeting minutes would be much appreciated.

Barbara: Handouts from April meeting are uploaded on sharepoint.

- Pam: Do we need to upload handouts to clearinghouse site?
- Todd: Is the Census Bureau not putting in public location?
 - Barbara: No. Space and maintenance are reasons.
- Todd: We have abundance space. Suzan and I can move to clearinghouse. [Links are up on the [clearinghouse](#).]

Conference call adjourned 3:05 pm EDT.