

# NATIONAL STATE DATA CENTER STEERING COMMITTEE

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## State Data Center (SDC) Steering Committee Conference Call, June 12, 2018

<b>State Data Center Steering Committee</b>	<b>Customer Liaison and Marketing Services Office (CLMSO):</b>	<b>Census Information Centers (CIC) Steering Committee</b>
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**Call began at 2:02 pm EDT**

### [Federal Register Notice on National Advisory Committee \(NAC\) on Racial, Ethnic Populations](#)

- SDCs and CICs cannot apply. There was discussion as to where this is noted. Suzan plans to nominate a professor at University of New Mexico.
- (After the meeting, Michael reminded the committee that the [Federal Register](#) item 6 of “Membership” states “Membership is open to persons who are not seated on other Census Bureau stakeholder entities [i.e., State Data Centers, Census Information Centers, Federal State Cooperative on Populations Estimates Program, other Census Advisory Committees, etc.]. People who have already served one full-term on a Census Bureau Advisory Committee may not serve on any other Census Bureau Advisory Committee for three years from the termination of previous service. No employee of the federal government can serve as a member of the Committee.”)

### [Federal Register Notice on Appeals Process for Census’s Local Update of Census Addresses \(LUCA\) decisions](#)

- Todd heard back from three states that said this sounds ok.
- Warren Brown, a coordinating member with NY SDC, has asked that our steering committee send in comments. He proposed to simplify and streamline the appeal process for LUCA address additions because of the required documentation/process.
- Suzan volunteered to draft a letter from the steering committee and will send to Pam to wordsmith.
- (After the meeting a letter was drafted and Todd sent it to OMB on Monday, June 18, 2018. This letter is posted on the [SDC clearinghouse website](#).)

### [Census Geography Division’s Response to Census Transportation Planning Products \(CTPP\) Board re: Tracts and BG delineation rules](#)

CTPP board got response back and they have been in touch with Census Bureau geography staff. People who do transportation planning want some detailed geographies for catchment for destination because

traffic analysis zones (TAZ) are going away. Todd forwarded the public communication that went to the mailing list of metropolitan planning offices.

- Option A: Employment thresholds where population or housing is not present
- Option B: Only need one threshold met--population, housing or employment
- Option C: Special use block groups and tracts have no minimum area criteria - no employment thresholds

*Toni joined 2:15*

*Barbara joined 2:16*

*Lakiva joined 2:16*

### **Recap of the National Partnership Webinar May 24**

Discussion of partnership effort at national level, discussion of census solutions workshop toolkit, recap of 2020 timeline, and question and answer session. Good, short version of information that is digestible. Good for those who are new to 2020 preparation.

### **DUB Team: Updates and News**

- Participant Statistical Areas Program (PSAP) Recruitment
  - Barbara: PSAP is in phase of getting everything together. They need help from SDCs to get 100 percent PSAP coverage – currently at 85 percent.
    - 177 counties nationwide that either said no or have not responded.
    - SDCs will be pulled in to fill the gaps.
      - Will be asking leads to reach out to those that haven't responded.
      - PSAP is opening up to SDCs to participate for those areas that said no.
    - Will be sending emails out to individual states that perform either one of the two duties. Some regional offices have already reached out to SDCs to take on PSAP responsibilities.
- PSAP Invitation Materials
  - Letters are going out. A copy will go on sharepoint in case SDCs get any questions.
- Census Tribal Liaisons
  - Census Bureau got responses in all areas but three. SDCs were involved in those states and raised participation to 100 percent with tribal liaisons. Will ask for copy of letter going to tribal liaisons.
- 2020 Census SF1 Products
  - No update yet but will let you know when there is.

### **August Steering Committee Meeting**

- August 20-21 Steering Committee meeting
- CIC conference August 22-24
- DUB is asking that someone stay behind from steering committee to talk to CIC about the SDC program. The SDC steering committee is tasked with deciding who will stay and present on August 22.

### **Topics for August meeting of Steering Committee**

Agenda is in draft format. Lakiva agreed to have the draft out by July steering committee meeting (July 10<sup>th</sup>).

### **Census Academy and Data Gem Videos**

Michael is working with Alexandra Barker and they are pushing to integrate 2020 topics into Data Gems, including complete count committee presentations. Would like to include CICs as much as possible.

### **Webinars**

#### **Partnership**

- Possible webinar with Lorena for SDCs has been tabled until there is an update on partnerships. Lakiva will send a link to the partnership website.

#### **Plan to Plan**

- Hard to Count (June 20)
  - Steve Romalewski is going to present on the hard to count community site as well as go through the census planning database. Jenn is coordinating and will send out a reminder about it.
- Complete Count Committees (August or September)
  - Jenn volunteered to organize. Will work with Liz Brooks from Alaska who has volunteered to present and will reach out to others.
- PSAP Re-Tracting (4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, possibly December)
  - Suzan volunteered to coordinate and will contact Bob Coats as well as other subject matter experts.

### **CIC Update from Dan I. and Toni**

- CIC steering committee meeting and CIC annual meeting in August.
- Annual report went out last week.
- Sad to report passing of Angelo Falcon. There will be some sort of remembrance scheduled.
- CIC steering committee is having a conference call next week.

Todd: Thank you to everyone for your efforts. Thanks Melissa for steering committee notes – thorough and entertaining.

***Conference call adjourned 3:00 pm EDT.***