

NATIONAL STATE DATA CENTER STEERING COMMITTEE

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 State Data Centers and Affiliates Nationwide*

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State Data Center (SDC) Steering Committee Conference Call, January 14, 2020

<i>State Data Center Steering Committee</i>	<i>Customer Liaison and Marketing Services Office (CLMSO):</i>	<i>Census Information Centers (CIC) Steering Committee</i>
<i>Todd Graham</i> <i>Pam Schenker</i> <i>Jennifer Shultz</i> <i>Bob Coats</i>	<i>Suzan Reagan</i> <i>Michael Moser</i> <i>Mallory Bateman</i> <i>Allen Barnes</i>	<i>Barb LaFleur</i> <i>Toni Hall</i> <i>Todd Webb</i> <i>Termirah Brinkley</i>

February 2020 Steering Committee Meeting Cancellation

Updates/Topics for conference calls/webinars for Steering Committee or full network

- DUB is working on a webinar discussing updates on Mobile Questionnaire Assistance Centers
 - The webinar would be held the week that the cancelled Steering Committee meeting would have been held (first week of February)
 - Will there be enough Census staff for the Mobile Questionnaire Assistance Centers?
- Are there other topics where the network would need updates?
 - Partnership?
 - Can organizations make calls to encourage people to be counted – some have been told “No”
 - GQ electronic data submissions by universities – obstacles with FERPA?
 - A webinar covering the Census Bureau count of transitory locations
 - DUB asked for a list of questions we have/webinars we want so they can prioritize

Status of the letter to the Director from the 3 steering committees

- Update email from Jeff 1/7/20
 - Please note February 12th webinar – look for additional details
- Jeff spoke with the press regarding this issue. If others are interested in talking with the media about their analysis, please contact Jeff
- No update from DUB currently but they will follow up

Status of the elections for the steering committee

- Voting is open until Friday 1/17/20
- There are 5 nominees for 3 open positions
- Have 37 responses out of 55 invited
- Bob sent a reminder Friday 1/10/20
- Bob will provide information on states that have not responded so we can contact our tree states

2020 Sample Products – Postcard, Website process, etc.

- Mallory shared a draft letter – this was posted to social media
- The initial contact will be this letter inviting people to respond via internet or phone
- There will be postcards sent during non-response
- Barb will send links to letter and response sample

Status of the feedback for the response rate challenge toolkit – and whether there will be a disclaimer

- Todd W. sent out an email to the steering committee a link to the website with Toolkit
 - Sent out to steering committees
 - We will share on social media
 - It is available publicly
 - Census will do additional publicity

Status of hiring by state/region

- Timing, Number, Percent Hired, etc.
- National statement is that hiring is going well/Census is comfortable
- Locally we are hearing differently
- We need some clarification
- We need information on policy changes

Status and assignment of Partnership Specialists and Data Dissemination Specialists by state/region

- DUB staff will get us additional information/updates
- Data Dissemination Specialists will be on the monthly regional calls

Status on MOU

- Barb will begin working on this to complete and send through Census
- Barb will provide a copy to the Steering Committee
- Barb will work to request information for the Annual Report

June 2020 Annual meeting and Steering Committee meeting

- Do we have information on the location, dates, agendas?
- DUB noted there is no information available currently.
- DUB has a draft agenda – please send topics of interest
 - Redistricting and ACS are already on the agenda
 - Topics from February Steering Committee agenda will carry over to June

Regional partnership conference calls

- States appreciate the opportunity to have these calls
- Bob noted the information provided on the call was helpful – mostly nationally focused and the state specific comments were helpful
- Mallory noted that the discussion was broader than the regional call – Allen agreed
- Todd noted that the slide deck was not visible for participants on his regional call
- Toni apologized for difficulties – DUB is working to improve specific issues
- Barbara asked if a state roll call for network updates would be helpful
 - A state roll call is helpful
 - Asking who has information to share ahead of the call could be helpful – this could be coordinated by DUB

Next conference call will be last call for Todd and Allen – tasks that will need to be taken over

- Check on SDC Clearinghouse site
- Are there other tasks that need to be covered?
- We can overlap with new members to help with transition

Call ended at 4:02 pm