

# 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, February 12, 2020

<b>State Data Center Steering Committee</b>	<b>Customer Liaison and Marketing Services Office (CLMSO):</b>	<b>Census Information Centers (CIC) Steering Committee</b>
<i>Gregg Bell</i> <i>Pam Schenker</i> <i>Jennifer Shultz</i> <i>Bob Coats</i> <i>Allen Barnes</i> <i>Mary Craigle</i>	<i>Suzan Reagan</i> <i>Michael Moser</i> <i>Mallory Bateman</i> <i>Erica Gardner</i> <i>Todd Graham</i>	<i>Barb LaFleur</i> <i>Todd Webb</i> <i>Termirah Brinkley</i>  <i>Census Bureau Guest Presenter:</i> <i>Kanin Reese</i>

Kanin Reese with data.census.gov joined the call to solicit input regarding topics and emphasis ideas to be included in an upcoming data.census.gov webinar for the networks

- Upcoming webinar for both networks and affiliates (early March)
  - Know about bigger issues – geographies needed, download, sort, and print
  - Comments/ideas should be sent to Barb within a week to help frame the upcoming webinar
- Expected topics for webinar:
  - All Geography needed
  - Download Center – All blocks in California for example, items in alphabetical order
  - Move from table to table and retain filters
  - Print
  - AFF shutdown and migration
  - Features from AFF
- Broader audience webinars can be possible if needed
- Features that were in AFF and not in data.census.gov
  - Are they needed – such as Shapefiles
- Kanin will provide list of what is being worked on to Barb
- Email was sent to invite users to provide feedback
- If interested in webinars for state specific groups, contact Barb
- Biggest push is to have everything ready for 2020 products
- AFF shutdown – updated program of archival data moving over, 1 and 5 year data has been moved

Voting for this year's officers was conducted via survey/email. Congratulations to this year's officers

- Chair – Bob
- Vice Chair – Gregg
- Co-Secretaries – Mallory & Jenn
- Thank you to Mary for service as Co-Secretary
- Thank you to Todd Graham and Allen Barnes for service to the steering committee for the past six years
- Thanks to Pam for serving as chair this past year

We have a new 2020 tree state listing to be reviewed and then posted to the Clearinghouse website

#### February CPEP Regional Calls

- Ran smoother than January
- There was no opportunity for questions
- The calls are structured similarly
- There was new information about events – in some cases the information was first shared on the call but should have been shared earlier
- Good information was shared but also some highlights of communication issues of one-way communication
- Concerns will be relayed back to CPEP call team.
- Calls were designed to focus on updates so there may be less opportunity for questions

#### Differential Privacy

- Status update on Differential Privacy letter to Director Dillingham
  - Jeff Hardcastle (FSCPE) has not seen any response yet (Jeff is currently at the FSCPE steering committee meeting at HQ).
  - CLMSO was told there should be a response soon
- The agenda for the FSCPE meeting was provided – we were invited to call in to the Differential Privacy session on 2/12
- NSGIC call is scheduled for 2/14/20 12:00 – 2:00 pm ET – the group is collecting information to prepare a letter to Census
- North Carolina is preparing a summary of differential privacy for state government agencies and partners
- Todd Graham has heard from several states about their concerns regarding differential privacy
- The Committee is trying not to be public about this topic until late April, so it does not interfere with Census promotion.

#### Mobile Questionnaire Assistance Center webinar

- Held 2/11/20
- There were several questions regarding the number and location of events – the details are not yet available
- Once response rates are available, more details will be released
- Other webinars between now and June
  - March – data.census.gov
  - Decennial Products
  - Redistricting – after May? Or June meeting
  - Census Academy
  - Differential Privacy
  - 2020 Census Operations Update
    - Recruiting map was released. Will recruiting staff move to MQA or NRFU? Are there staffing difficulties?

#### Update on MOU

- Currently being reviewed

#### Status Update on Annual Report due April 15<sup>th</sup>

- One report submitted so far

#### Status Update on June steering committee meeting and annual meeting

- Working on internal approvals for budget
- DC in an election year in the summer will be challenging to find space
- Look for “Save the Date” in next few weeks
- The tentative target time frame for the meetings is early June
- Provide agenda topics to Barb – identify if the topic is for the Steering Committee or entire network – DUB will provide bullet list of current topics later today

#### Subcommittee reports

- Clearinghouse management – Pam Schenker, Michael Moser and will ask for volunteers from entire network
- Setting up a slack channel has been suggested for the group – Mallory has some information she will provide to the group
- 2020 Data products – currently the combined efforts of the Steering Committees of SDC and FSCPE
- CIC Steering Committee – Bob will continue to be liaison, with Gregg stepping in when needed.
- SDC Clearinghouse workgroup – Pam volunteered, Michael Moser will assist, ask for volunteers from entire network
- New projects for 2020
  - Review bylaws
  - 2020 Data Products workgroup (tied to differential privacy discussions)
    - What products will be developed by the SDC network?
    - Joint meetings of FSCPE, SDC and CIC Steering Committees were held
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Bob Coats volunteered to be continue to be the liaison to the CIC steering committee and participate in their monthly calls – Gregg will assist when needed. DUB will inform us on the CIC steering committee call schedule and also who the CIC liaison is for our calls.

#### Not discussed:

We also need to decide when to hold our monthly steering committee conference calls

- Continue the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 3:00 pm eastern.
- If we have suggestions for other dates and/or times we can develop a survey to determine what works best for everyone

Call ended at 4:07 pm