

NATIONAL STATE DATA CENTER STEERING COMMITTEE

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 State Data Centers and Affiliates Nationwide*

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We Bring Value-Added Census Data and Education to the User

State Data Center (SDC) Steering Committee Conference Call, March 10, 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>
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2020 Update

- Coronavirus impact
 - No new updates from Census Bureau but they are planning a response
 - No impact on release of website
 - The network has concerns for group quarters enumeration, non-response follow up and homeless count
 - Census needs to be proactive in sharing steps they are taking to train employees and what adjustments to procedures are being made
 - Some areas are already shutting down social spaces
 - Many universities are starting virtual classes so students may not be at dorms/apartments
 - Some states are passing executive orders
 - State events may begin to be cancelled
- Best practices for SDC network
 - What information can we provide to network members regarding coronavirus, differential privacy, census messaging, etc
 - Clearinghouse document, tree state contacts and listserve
 - Include agenda items
 - These would include recommendations/guidelines – if there are many questions on a specific topic, we could request census provide a webinar for the network – suggestions include coronavirus, self-response vs. participation rates and then differential privacy
- Clarity/suggestions for Differential Privacy discussions
 - Some states have written letters to Census/ responses vary

- Some states are avoiding public discussion during the data collection period
- Self-Response/Participation Rate
 - There are resources available from Census to describe the differences
 - Mary and Suzan will put together some thoughts on the specific questions from the network
 - There is technical documentation available to describe the calculation – this was not available in 2010
- Hiring
 - Todd will ask if hiring deadline has been extended
 - The Steering Committee asked the Census Bureau to provide the report of hires by state in addition to region

Differential Privacy

- Letter response discussion
 - We received an official response from the Census Bureau
 - It is available on the Clearinghouse site and was sent to the network via the listserv
 - Questions from the letter were discussed at the FSCPE meeting in February
 - When asked if there is a plan B on the NCSL webinar– response was that the Census is committed to providing usable data
 - The networks want to be part of the conversation about what is needed in terms of usability
 - We need more communication with the Bureau – multiple forms and more frequent communication are needed
 - We need to document Census data needs especially any legislative statutes
 - NC found over 300 references in legislation to use Census population data
 - Can states review iterative data products at the June meeting?
 - The Census is interested in feedback on metrics needed
- Joint second letter
 - FSCPE had some concerns about the response
 - Didn't come from Director
 - Didn't think responses were as detailed as needed
 - Recommend sending a second letter
 - Stay involved with joint steering committees on a second letter
 - We need more information about the metrics being developed by Census
- National Governors' Association 1-on-1 calls
 - Some states have had calls
 - Other states have requested calls

Products Working Group

- Vision for the group – do we need a charter?
- What will we deliver?
- DP issues will impact all products
- What are states producing?

June Meeting

- Status update
 - Census Bureau is moving forward with planning the in-person meeting but also looking at contingency plans if coronavirus continues to be a concern
- Agenda for both Steering Committee and Annual Meeting
 - Agenda items from last steering committee meetings added to the annual meeting
 - Looking at items pertinent to both networks – Barb provided a bullet list of topics, but Census is still working on the agenda
 - Send topics of interest to Census – lessons learned for 2030 suggested
 - Look for the Save the Date soon

Water bottles, lanyards, post-it notes, chip clips, stress balls, totes are coming to states

Upcoming webinar on data.census.gov on March 12 at 2:00 p.m.

Call ended at 4:06 pm