

NATIONAL STATE DATA CENTER STEERING COMMITTEE

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State Data Center Conference Call March 9, 2021

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- SDC Steering Committee Officers 2021-2022
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- Tree State List modified
 - List has been updated - Bob provided prior to the meeting.
 - Historically members were intentionally assigned states from other regions to hear alternate perspectives.
 - We should review what tools should be used for communicating.
 - Please verify your contact information – report any changes to Bob and Barbara.

- SDC Steering Committee Spring Meeting Update
 - Use this time to plan for the annual meeting agenda topics and possible webinars ahead of the meeting (MSA (representative from OMB will be available along with Census staff), PUMA webinars) What will happen to MPOs? – these questions are already in the Federal Register notice comments
 - Establish a working group assessing Census 2020 – start working on this so ready to begin/announce this at the annual meeting
 - Review Onboarding resources and work to orient new SDC network members. Some new SDCs noted they are feeling underprepared. The Steering Committee can provide orientation-related activities.
 - Communication is key to strengthen the network. States are working to provide updates to local stakeholders.

- SDCs are asking why they didn't have input or if input was provided – how is it used? Any feedback DUB can provide regarding feedback is helpful
- Can SDCs get updates and provide feedback about DAS prior to the June meeting
 - What decisions have been made?
 - How will DAS effect the PL File and Demographic and Housing Profile/other data products?
 - Remember this will affect CQR – can only challenge based on housing units rather than population
 - Is it possible to have a joint meeting with FSCPEs, SDCs and CICs? – If there is a session planned for the FSCPEs on DAS, can SDCs and CICs be invited as well since this is an important topic for all networks.
 - Can we also invite the FSCPE Steering Committee to the SDC Annual Conference presentation?
- Priorities and Planning Initial Discussion
 - Onboarding resources (SDC and CLMSO resources)
 - Steering Committee could develop webinars to support orientation of new members.
 - Work with DUB to organize resources and understand the best methods for delivery.
 - SDCs can provide their insights on program participation from experience in the network.
 - Virtual boot camp sessions/recordings have been done in the past.
- SDC DP Letter update
 - Thanks to Gregg for providing draft letter on DAS concerns. Please provide feedback to Gregg so we can get a draft to the FSCPE network
- Stephen Buckner farewell letter update –
 - Bob emailed Stephen a copy of the letter
 - A hard copy letter was also sent to the Census Bureau
- Annual Meeting Update
 - DUB received approval for the meeting
 - DUB is working to finalize the agenda and will share with the Steering Committee when available
- Webinar updates (MSA and PUMA Delineation)
 - There is a need for additional information on the CQR program – what can be done if local governments need to challenge the data?
- Standard 2020 update
 - Geography review (Alfred has found errors in PL geography for Maryland)
 - Recommend contacting James Whitehorne

- Regional Office/DDSs
 - SDCs need to know where/how regional offices/DDSs are working in the states
 - Census Ambassador Program Recruiting – centered around Statistics in Schools
 - Data Summits – there is some confusion regarding this effort – why plan Data Summits prior to decennial data coming out

- Steering Committee needs to find a time for an additional call before the April monthly call – Bob will organize via email

- Please provide any feedback on Quarterly call to DUB

Call adjourned at 4:00 pm