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3:03 PM EST Michael Moser called meeting to order

Census Bureau Updates

- **SDC/CIC/DUB/DDTB Quarterly Meeting**
 - Will be held October 26 at 2pm EST.
 - The DUB is updating their list of regional points of contact at the Census Bureau to share with SDC/CIC partners at the quarterly meeting.
 - Josh Coutts will provide updates on the new grids project at the quarterly meeting. View the slides from Coutts’s presentation at the [SDC annual meeting here](#).
 - DUB will send the SDCs some context for the conversation with the hopes that SDCs can collect some feedback/questions from their networks to bring to the meeting.
- DUB asked SDC to remind states to submit their annual reports and respond to requests for updated affiliate lists.
- The 2022 SDC annual report is expected to be done by the end of the year. DUB will share it with the network when completed and ask for suggestions on streamlining the process.
 - Could potentially be an online form instead of spreadsheet to make it easier for affiliates to fill out and for leads to combine their network’s responses.

- In order to change the wording of questions, they have to be approved by OMB.
- There was an effort to revamp the annual report a few years ago with mixed success, so the SDC steering committee will find those materials and share for some historical context.
- Dr. Sallie Keller, the Census Bureau's chief scientist and associate director of the Research and Methodology Directorate, is working to implement a new "statistical product first" approach. She presented to the SDCs at the annual conference in July, since the approach relies on understanding what needs stakeholders have for Census statistics and then shaping the products to support them and the SDC network has essential connections to local data users.
 - This could be a good topic to follow-up with at a quarterly meeting to get an update on the project. DUB will check in with her office and let us know.

Detailed DHC-A

- There has been a lot of feedback about the Detailed DHC-A after its release, specifically about the accessibility and usability challenges.
- Some constructive feedback from the SDCs:
 - It would be useful for the DHC-A staff to create an updating FAQ on their website for people to consult.
 - The Census Bureau hosted a post-release Q&A session October 5 (one week after release), but this there are more questions now that people have had time to explore. It could be useful to have a follow-up Q&A or an expert users Q&A.
 - There is a data gem about DHC-A, but it could be useful to have a few more than cover specific topics like walking a user through the download process or selecting specific sections of population.
 - The idea of weekly or monthly office hours was also mentioned, but the DHC-A staff is very busy, so this might be a harder sell.
 - For SDCs, this is a good opportunity for outreach within the network as some offices likely have their own solutions to problems that others are having. The steering committee can reach out to tree states and remind them they can post data products to the clearing house website.

Update on SDC/CIC Collaboration

- The SDC and CIC steering committees are developing a co-presented webinar. A potential date of 2pm on Wednesday, November 15th was mentioned.
- This is an opportunity for SDCs and CICs to connect and hear about the work being done by individual states.
 - The CIC presenter will be North Carolina Counts.
- They are finalizing the agenda and will send out a save-the-date soon.

Update on SDC/DDS Collaboration

- The possibility of making a Data Gem about the collaboration between the SDCs and DDSs was mentioned.

Meeting adjourned at 3:52 PM EST