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State Data Center Conference Call August 12, 2025

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3:00 PM EST meeting called to order

SDC Meeting Recap

- Devon: Debrief of the annual meeting, review of “meeting debrief” notes document emailed to Steering Committee on 8/8/2025.
 - Registration was smooth, but multiple registration days was slightly burdensome.
 - Multiple confirmations and “save the date” notices were occasionally inconsistent.
- Mallory: People enjoyed the “use cases” element of the meeting. One suggestion is to have CB staff present a general topic, then have SDC people from states give more specific examples concerning how they use it.
 - Highlighting state-level data is the most useful
- Monica: Clarify the availability of slide decks and presentation info
- Alfred: Some sessions wrapped up early; schedule could have been followed more closely
- Devon: how can we increase evaluation feedback?
- Katie: one-stop website is useful for more detailed feedback
- Jeff: time could be allocated for feedback – strike for feedback while the iron is hot!

Annual Report Discussion and Review

- Devon mailed the draft report to Steering Committee 8/11/2025
- Brainstorming ways to improve the annual report
 - Expand section of what SDC offices are up to; regional or state spotlight
 - Highlight SDC Steering Committee activities (webinars, etc)
 - Provide more detailed info to Steering Committee on who is reporting (libraries / genealogy, business groups, etc)

Other

- Monica: What’s the status of renewing SDC agreements?
- Census Bureau has moved away from “advisors;” agreements are being reevaluated, simplified to reflect administration priorities.