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State Data Center Conference Call Meeting Minutes May 1, 2007

The conference call meeting commenced at 3:00 pm EST. Steering Committee members present on the call were: Xan Wedel, Annette Watters, Pam Harris, Pam Schenker, Richard Rathge, and Bob Scardamalia. Also attending were Renee Jefferson-Copeland and Barbara LaFleur from the Bureau.

The agenda items for this conference call were:

- Statistical Area Guidelines
- June Steering Committee Meeting Agenda
- Elections
- Other items

Statistical Area Guidelines

There was a brief discussion about the release of the Federal Register notices regarding the Participant Statistical Areas Program (PSAP). It was decided that other than reminding the Network about the July 5th, 2007 comment deadline, the Committee members would not respond as a group, but as representatives of their respective states.

June Steering Committee Meeting Agenda

The meeting dates for the June Steering Committee are the 18th - 20th. The group decided that minimal speakers were ok, but that having updates from the Director/Executive Staff is important to the committee. The committee would also like to participate in some of the sessions from the FSCPE, mainly the County to County Migration, Group Quarters Updates, and status of the ACS PUMS questions.

Elections

Xan volunteered to begin the elections process by sending emails announcing the upcoming elections. She will also contact John Blodgett to ask if he would be willing to host the elections online again, and she will contact Carol Rogers to again host the nominee information on the SDC/BIDC Clearinghouse web site.

Other Items

LUCA - The Florida Legislature passed a public records exemption bill for LUCA. This bill will enable the sharing of confidential information to another agency or governmental entity for the LUCA program. Ohio is also looking at passing legislation in order to facilitate participation in LUCA.

Customer Liaison Office (CLO) Position Posted - Renee announced that the CLO Chief position has been posted and closes in two weeks. She also mentioned that there may be a name change for CLO as reorganization within the Bureau continues.

Data Requests via CLO - Renee would like to remind states that it is a good practice to work through CLO for data requests from the Bureau, especially if there is a deadline. Specific Bureau specialists may not be in the office and CLO staff can contact alternate staff for assistance.

Annual Reports - Barbara will send a reminder to the Network about the May 15th deadline for the annual reports

Next conference call will be Tuesday, June 5th.

Conference call ended 3:40pm EST.