

**Meeting Agenda
NAACCR GIS Committee
Wednesday, November 12, 2008**

**2:00-3:00 PM Eastern Time
1:00-2:00 PM Central Time
12:00-1:00 PM Mountain Time
11:00-12:00 noon Pacific Time
10:00-11:00 AM Alaskan Time**

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A. Roll Call

Present Members: Kevin Henry – Chair, Chris Johnson – Co-chair, Frank Boscoe, Dan Goldberg, Recinda Sherman, Robert Borchers, Pam Agovino, David O’Brien, Annette Gardner, Mary Mroszczyk, Christian Klaus, Chris Newton, Jennifer Kachajian

NAACCR Staff: Joshua Whitley

Not Present: Zaria Tatalovich, Jim Martin, Simple Singh, Ed Peters, Holly Hodges, Myles Cockburn, Catherine Riddell, Eileen Kelley, Jim Files, Yongping Hao, David Stinchcomb, Jesse Stewart, John Morgan

B. Minutes

1. Approval of October minutes
 - a. Jennifer from Vermont was present but marked absent. Annette Gardner was also there. These corrections will be made by Kevin. A motion was made to approve the minutes with the suggested corrections. The motion was seconded and all were in favor. The minutes will be posted on the NAACCR website with the corrections.

C. Old Business

1. Geocoding Best-Practices Document – Kevin
 - a. The document is ready for its last stop: the editor. As of Friday, the document has been officially completed. The editor made small changes and forwarded the document to NAACCR. Hopefully it will be posted by Friday or Monday. There are a couple of other small issues such as linking the TOC. The committee feels they need to create cover letter like the one on the site for the current version. David might have written the original. Dan noted that he has a 500-word abstract that he used for this document for a competition. The group felt posting of the document shouldn’t wait for these items to be completed. A press release about the document will also be written and submitted to the communications

committee for release.

2. Geocoding NPI –Kevin

- a. Plans to geocode latest NPI file
 - i. Kevin will geocode the latest version. Hopefully by March or April, we will post up new version.
- b. Has anyone used the NPI file?
 - i. There have been 75 downloads since posting on April 22, 2008. The committee feels this needs better advertisement.

3. Subcommittee activities

- a. National Health Provider Area Resource File (NHPARF) — Kevin
 - i. This group is comparing NPI to NHPARF to determine the quality of the NPI file. The NPI has a listing of unique cancer specialists whereas the NHPARF file does not. They are hoping to create an area resource file to give counts of specialists by area. Tom has provided Kevin with the area resource file. He will determine discrepancies between the two first. After completion, the group will post the new resource file on NAACCR website.
- b. Geographical Visualization of Cancer Data – Recinda
 - i. The group has had one conference call. They are looking to work in three areas. The next meeting is the 24th of this month. Recinda will email Holly Hodges about joining the committee. Annette Gardner is willing to join. This project may continue into next year but hopefully they will complete the final product by the annual meeting. Several members thought it might be a good idea to write abstracts for either or both of the subcommittees.

4. Update: NAACCR/Komen Road Network Distance Project --Quantifying Transportation Barriers in Accessing Health Facilities for Breast Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment—Kevin, Frank, Chris

- a. A blurb was published in the Fall Narrative on this project. The project started year 2 in October. The application has been developed and is working online with a processing average of about 2 seconds per record. They are working now to stabilize the platform to run 100,000+ records without crashing. The option is available to run both metrics (time and distance). Google pre-calculates all paths. This product calculates on the fly, which is why it takes 2 seconds per record rather than a fraction of a second.

D. New Business

- a. Abstracts for NAACCR 2009—special sessions?
 - i. Dan plans to submit a special session abstract.
 - ii. The group thought someone should probably write something for the Komen grant describing what we're doing with it and then give a demo of how it works.

b. Paper published on geocoding failure:
Zimmerman DL, Fang X, Mazumdar S. Spatial clustering of the failure to geocode and its implications for the detection of disease clustering. *Stat Med.* Sep 20 2008;27(21):4254-4266.