

**Meeting Agenda
NAACCR GIS Committee
Wednesday, December 10, 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: Chris Johnson, Kevin Henry, Frank Boscoe, Dan Goldberg, Christian Klaus, David Stinchcomb, Zaria Tatalovich, Bob Borchers, Ed Peters, Chris Newton, Mary Mroszczyk, John Morgan, Yongping Hao

Absent Members: Jim Martin, Recinda Sherman, Jennifer Kachajian, Jesse Stewart, David O'Brien, Pam Agovino, Holly Hodges, Myles Cockburn, Eileen Kelley, Jim Files, Annette Gardner, Simple Singh, Catherine Riddell

B. Minutes

1. Approval of November minutes
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 - a. Minutes approved—The minutes will be posted on the NAACCR website.

C. Old Business

1. Geocoding Best-Practices Document – Kevin
KH announced that the document was released and Dan and NAACCR staff were reviewing the document access statistics and deciding where else they might advertise the document. Josh will provide access statistics during the next GIS call
2. Subcommittee activities
 - a. National Health Provider Area Resource File (NHPARF)—Kevin summarized the status of the NHPARF project. Not much has been completed on the project since October. CK mentioned that he has geographic data of doctors and health practices in NC that might be used to test the quality of the NPI data.
 - b. Geographical visualization of cancer data –Recinda was absent, but KH summarized the progress on the geo-visualization project. KH told the committee that the focus of the project will be satscan best practices

3. Update: NAACCR/Komen Road Network Distance Project –Quantifying Transportation Barriers in Accessing Health Facilities for Breast Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment—Kevin, Frank, Chris. Kevin provided a summary of the Komen grant. He told the committee that the NAACCR would be mailing out a letter to invite registries to participate in the project.
4. Guest Speaker: Eric Durbin scheduled to speak in January about a Kentucky Cancer Registry geocoding project—Kevin KH reminded members that Eric Durbin from the Kentucky Cancer Registry would be speaking about a SEER funded geocoding project during our next conference call. Josh W sent an invitation to members.
5. Abstracts for NAACCR 2009—special sessions—Kevin. KH asked members if submitted papers to the 2009 NAACCR conference. Recinda S submitted two papers. Frank Boscoe submitted a paper on google earth. Zaria and David S from NCI submitted papers. We are not certain if there will be any spatial epidemiological sessions.

D. New Business

1. Census 2010 data item KH started a discussion about how we should go about preparing NAACCR variables for the 2010 census data. KH mentioned that we should check to see if there have been any major changes for the 2010 census. CK mentioned whether we should have a combined census tract-block variable (7 characters) instead of separate tract and block variables. Committee members asked why this was necessary and some mentioned whether we should just add the new variables for the 2010 census, which would be similar to the NAACCR 2000 census variables. KH said he would summarize the comments for the January call.

2. Cancer Registry data release/use policy for geocoded data.

KH asked if registries have policies in place for how researchers can present cancer data on maps. Most registries have policies in place for sharing geocoded data, but it appears that no registries have policies for how data are mapped (final product). CK mentioned