

**Meeting Minutes  
NAACCR GIS Committee  
Wednesday, October 14, 2009**

**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, Chris Johnson, Frank Boscoe, Mary Mroszczyk, Bob Borchers, David O'Brien, Jennifer Kachajian, Christian Klaus, Recinda Sherman, Dan Goldberg, Zaria Tatalovich, Karen Knight, Pam Agovino, Rachael Suelflow (NC Alternate)

**Absent Members:** Holly Hodges, Meg Watson, Ed Peters, Simple Singh, Catherine Riddell, Chris Newton, Annette Gardner, John Morgan, Carrie Fish (Scarlett – Alternate), David Stinchcomb, Yongping Hao, Jesse Stewart, Myles Cockburn, Eileen Kelley

**B. Minutes**

1. Approval of August minutes

- a. Chris Johnson motioned for the approval of the minutes as written. Recinda Sherman seconded the motion. This action is contingent upon recalculation of quorum based on members being removed from the active roster.

**C. Old Business**

1. Census 2010 NAACCR Fields –Kevin

- a. Items approved – Kevin, David O
  - i. The core set of data items for the NAACCR layout were approved by the CRSC and are ready to be published in the next version. There were some wording issues which will be forwarded to the committee but they won't affect the approval status. The approved variables include census tract certainty, census tract, census block, and census.

**D. Subcommittee activities updates**

- a. National Health Provider Area Resource File (NHPARF)—Kevin, (trying to obtain/purchase latest ARF 2007-2008)
  - i. The latest NPI file was geocoded. We have 2008 and 2009 versions posted on the NAACCR website. Tom Richards from the CDC provided Kevin with the NHPARF previously, but we will purchase a copy of the latest version. The numbers vary a lot by source and are still being looked at. The file was close to 100% geocoded. The

comparison numbers were always within a few percentage points but never right on.

- b. Geographical visualization of cancer data – (activities to start in October/November) — Recinda
  - i. The project has been held up but should start activities in October/November.

**E. NAACCR/Komen Road Network Distance Project – Quantifying Transportation Barriers in Accessing Health Facilities for Breast Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment – Dan G, KH, Frank, Chris J, Holly**

- a. Updates
  - i. There was a call yesterday to finalize the manual that will be sent to the registries. The system is working fine and a special page has been created for NAACCR members to use. Kevin will attempt to follow the manual to make sure it is clear. After this testing, the manual is sent out and they will ask the registries to run their data by December 15<sup>th</sup>. The application is currently processing 6 records per second which exceeds the initial requirements. Members should watch for an email providing instructions on how to run their data.
- b. Year three (final year) activities
  - i. This year includes finalizing the interface and the manual.

**F. Course at NAACCR 2010 sponsored by GIS committee (Quebec City) — Kevin**

- a. Multi-level modeling course, discussion, planning still ongoing
  - i. Seems like today they have formalized a planning committee for this. Kevin needs to talk to Shannon Vann about whether or not she has contacted any instructors for this class.
- b. Google Earth course, discussion still ongoing.

**G. Python program which maps SatScan clusters into Google Earth — Kevin**

- a. Posted on NAACCR website – Did anyone test the program?
  - i. Kevin tested this out and it worked fine. No one else seems to have tested this program yet. Bob has had problems with his registry not allowing the use of Google Earth. No one else seems to have this problem.

**D. New Business**

- 1. Corrections/updates to the census tract certainty field (see attachment) — Kevin, Frank
  - i. The proposed edits were distributed as an attachment. Kevin thinks some language may be outdated. The group discussed the edits and this issue will be voted upon in the coming months. Frank made a motion to accept the changes in the document, subsequent to the recalculation of quorum.
- 2. Census 2010 Information—Long form vs. short form & census block group/tract data — Kevin
  - i.

3. NAACCR Run/Walk (Quebec City, NAACCR Annual Meeting) —Recinda
  - i. Frank's idea – Incorporate a 5K run/walk into the program. There is no funding or structure through NAACCR, but it will be promoted in the program. Recinda wanted to see if the committee would sign on to sponsor this. She thought they could charge a fee and have t-shirts or water. There is a historic tour, but is meant to be a walking tour for smaller groups. This will be discussed further off-call.
4. The DURC is trying to promote the usage of a tool that is on the website which allows the assignment of an SES indicator based on census tract and may eventually ask this to be submitted as a data item in the layout. The tool has been on the website for 3 years. Someone on the DURC said they couldn't do this because the geocoding that the variable would be based on isn't good enough. Frank thought he would ask if the GIS committee felt that geocoding in most registries is good enough to base other statistics on. Zaria asked what is considered "good" or "bad" geocoding. Dan will check to see if there is anything in the geocoding manual on this topic.