

**Meeting Minutes  
NAACCR GIS Committee  
Wednesday, February 11, 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, Recinda Sherman, Zaria Tatalovich, Ed Peters, Mary Mroszczyk, Jesse Stewart, Frank Boscoe, Christian Klaus, Meg Watson, Yongping Hao, Chris Newton, Bob Borchers, David O'Brien, Pam Agovino, Holly Hodges, Dan Goldberg, Simple Singh

**Absent Members:** David Stinchcomb, Jim Files, John Morgan, Jim Martin, Jennifer Kachajian, Myles Cockburn, Eileen Kelley, Annette Gardner, Catherine Riddell

**B. Minutes**

1. Approval of January minutes
  - a. Chris Johnson motioned to approve the minutes as written. Recinda seconded the motion and the minutes were approved and will be posted.

**C. Old Business**

1. Geocoding Best-Practices Document – Kevin
  - a. Kevin received some comments from ESRI regarding the document. They would possibly like to list it as a link in one of their Healthy GIS newsletters.
2. Census 2010 NAACCR Fields – Kevin
  - a. The group will be submitting fields consistent with NAACCR census tract/block 2000 standards. They have decided not to move forward with any major changes this year. The board thought they should have been in the 2010 release of Volume II. Kevin will finish filling out the submission forms for the new data items and submit them to the UDS committee. The group thought that companies might start using geographic files before the data is released in 2012. Kevin asked Meg to ask Tom Richards at the CDC about the status of those files.
3. Subcommittee activities

- a. National Health Provider Area Resource File (NHPARF) — Kevin
    - i. This is still in progress. The group will have a report to the board by May.
  - b. Geographical visualization of cancer data – Recinda
    - i. This group had to make schedule change to their meeting times. Zaria and Lon have been doing work outside of the meetings and a basic outline was approved during the last meeting. Some areas have been selected by people to start working on. There has been progress, but it has been slow.
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. The project is currently in beta. There have been major speed improvements as of late. The processing time for a single record has gone from 7 seconds to 0.5 seconds/record. Letters were sent to registries asking for test data. Frank recently applied to his IRB for this project. It will be 3-4 months before he will get results. Kevin asked if anyone else had received letters. David said he is trying to figure out if it is worth it for them to participate since a lot of their population groups are not connected by roads. He tried getting driving directions to areas that were not connected by roads using Google maps and found that it correctly used ferries and other modes of transportation. Frank said we got a response from about 20 states/provinces when they were only hoping for 10. There were some questions related to the location and amount of time that the data will be held. Dan is not sure if they have USC's IRB's approval to hold the data. That approval would help states get IRB approval to use their data for the project. There was much discussion about the current use of the data in beta testing vs. the future use of data in the studies associated with this project.

#### **D. New Business**

- 1. NAACCR GIS Committee Meeting in San Diego, CA
  - a. Wednesday, June 17, 2009 , (2pm Pacific)
    - i. Phone attendance has normally been low based on time differences.
  - b. plan dinner/outing