

**Meeting Minutes
NAACCR GIS Committee
Wednesday, May 13, 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, John Morgan, Jim Martin, Zaria Tatalovich, Mary Mroszczyk, Christian Klaus, Bob Borchers, David O'Brien, Pam Agovino, Holly Hodges, Carrie Fish, Jim Files, Meg Watson, Ed Peters, Catherine Riddell

Absent Members: Dan Goldberg, Simple Singh, Chris Newton, David Stinchcomb, Jennifer Kachajian, Yongping Hao, Jesse Stewart, Recinda Sherman, Myles Cockburn, Eileen Kelley, Annette Gardner,

B. Minutes

1. Approval of April minutes

- a. A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved.

C. Old Business

1. Census 2010 NAACCR Fields –Kevin

- a. UDS committee update on status of 2010 census variables. – Kevin
 - i. The committee had a few questions about the items that Kevin answered. As far as Kevin knows, they have moved and approved the data items. Kevin believes there is another committee for approval and it might be CRSC. The group feels that these variables are necessary, though. They figured that they were moved through the UDSC quickly mostly because they were, for the most part, repeating variables from prior years. The UDSC will get back to us next month about some of the language issues although Kevin is not sure he has enough information about the census variables to finalize these because the census variables haven't been released yet.

2. NAACCR committee/subcommittee final report format status – Kevin

- a. This is being completed by Kevin and Chris Johnson. Recinda is doing one of the subcommittee reports. The committee did produce the required two items for the newsletter. They were on the NPI file and the status of the Komen

grant. Next year we will probably include follow-up on the Komen grant because the studies should be done by then.

3. 2009 Geocoded NPI File Complete (will be posted on NAACCR website around June 1) – Kevin
 - a. About 92% of the addresses were coded to street-level last pass. This time through, there were about 400,000 more records. This was probably due to people that “missed the boat” the first time around and, since they are required to have an NPI number if they are sending in billing information, submitted their information late. Kevin needs to do a little more quality control on the file, but it is essentially finished and he received very similar results to the last pass. Kevin will send his files to Christian to compare some of the prep-work to what Christian’s registry is doing.
4. Subcommittee activities
 - a. National Health Provider Area Resource File (NHPARF)—Kevin, Christian -- completed county & state comparisons of selected specialists in ARF and NPI
 - i. The file was compared to the NPI file. They found some variances, for example: Dermatology is pretty close, but pediatrics is not. Kevin will make a list in the next few weeks of the criteria used. Some states are better than others. Using the NPI file for research might be a difficult sell because there have been 50-60 papers written using ARF so people assume that it is more accurate. Bob asked if Kevin did a total count comparison at county level of the number of doctors. He believes that he did and he will post those results as well. Christian noted that there has been a lot of interest, at least with academic researchers, in comparing the two files.
 - b. Geographical visualization of cancer data – (activities on hold) – Recinda
 - i. This has been temporarily put on hold while the committee rethinks objectives and time slots. It has been difficult to get everything together. There was much interest in the beginning from many people but it is waning now. This will be revisited soon.
5. Update: NAACCR/Komen Road Network Distance Project -- Quantifying Transportation Barriers in Accessing Health Facilities for Breast Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment—Dan G, Kevin, Frank, Chris J
 - a. Registry IRB submission
 - i. The tool is ready to go for the research projects. Goals were created in terms of records processed per minute and those goals have now been exceeded. On the last call about this project, USC was in the process of running data with over 1,000,000 records. Holly believes that these data are now done and she is awaiting the results. Christian mentioned the list of names that will have access to the data for IRB approval and he believes it is currently Charlie Blackburn, Myles Cockburn, and Dan Goldberg. They hope to solidify this list of names soon. In Chris’s

state, to get IRB approval, he separated the actual calculations done (described them as the same as IHS linkage) and the actual research which would be done with de-identified data.

6. New geographic imputation method—Boscoe
 - a. Location of new material
 - i. This information is posted on the SharePoint site.
7. Co-chair position open
 - a. Chris Johnson is stepping down as GIS committee co-chair—Kevin
 - i. Due to several circumstances, Chris Johnson is stepping down as the committee co-chair. Anyone interested can contact Kevin offline through email or phone.
8. GIS committee Meeting in San Diego
 - a. Date(s) and Time(s) : Wednesday, June 17, 2009 , (2pm Pacific, 5 eastern)
 - b. Who will be at the meeting in San Diego or on the call?
 - i. Josh has another meeting at this time and will not be able to make this one. Several others mentioned that they would probably have to call in. David suggested just keeping the current call schedule and not trying to coordinate a meeting in-person. Frank seconded this idea. Zaria was against this because she has not met anyone from the committee but she will attempt to meet everyone by herself. Kevin mentioned that there is also usually a dinner afterward so we should still be able to see everyone. There was a vote and the motion was passed. An informal motion was made to have a dinner meeting at 5:30 on Monday.

D. New Business

1. Contacting faculty to teach spatial statistics course at NAACCR 2010 (Quebec City)
– Population research Institute
2. New article of interest:
 - i. Meliker JR, Jacquez GM, Goovaerts P, Copeland G, Yassine M. Spatial cluster analysis of early stage breast cancer: a method for public health practice using cancer registry data. *Cancer Causes Control*. 2009.
3. Chris Johnson will be a speaker on a webinar tomorrow as part of the Cancer Information Service of NCI.
4. Frank said he would be interested in doing a Google Earth class in Quebec.