

**Meeting Minutes  
NAACCR GIS Committee  
Wednesday, June 10, 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, Jim Martin, Mary Mroszczyk, Bob Borchers, David O'Brien, Pam Agovino, Carrie Fish, Meg Watson, Ed Peters, Catherine Riddell, John Morgan, Simple Singh, Chris Newton, Jennifer Kachajian, Recinda Sherman, Annette Gardner

**Absent Members:** Jim Files, Holly Hodges, Christian Klaus, Zaria Tatalovich, Frank Boscoe, John Morgan, Dan Goldberg, David Stinchcomb, Yongping Hao, Jesse Stewart, Myles Cockburn, Eileen Kelley

**B. Minutes**

1. Approval of May minutes
  - a. Chris Johnson motioned to approve the minutes. Jennifer seconded. Minutes were approved. They will be posted.

**C. Old Business**

1. Census 2010 NAACCR Fields –Kevin
  - a. UDS committee update on status of 2010 census variables. –Kevin, David O
    - i. Kevin reached out and has not gotten a response. He hoped that David would have some information about the application for the addition of the items. David was not able to attend the UDS call and forgot to ask the chair about the status of those items. News regarding when the census will release new information? None.
2. NAACCR committee/subcommittee final report submitted –Kevin
  - a. What was in the document?
    - i. Kevin summarized what was sent to the board in this report including the major items that the committee completed during this fiscal year.
3. 2009 Geocoded NPI File Complete but not yet posted on NAACCR website – Kevin

- a. The 2009 file will be posted along with the 2008 file soon.
- 4. Subcommittee activities
  - a. National Health Provider Area Resource File (NHPARF)—Kevin, others
    - i.
  - b. Geographical visualization of cancer data – (activities on hold) — Recinda
    - i. Revisit in July and August to see what we can do to get this moving again. Should probably not drop. Narrow to get final product together. Recinda – Hasn't been able to give it much thought since it was put on hold.
- 5. 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. UCS/NAACCR progress
    - i. Chris Johnson – May 18<sup>th</sup> – Next one scheduled for June 29<sup>th</sup>. Chris uploaded data to Dan's website. Has not yet heard from him or seen results. Hopeful to get them soon. Have met or exceeded performance goals with processing engine. Other engines for distance mappers becoming more readily available. How do people feel about sending coordinates or addresses to Google? Address lookup seems OK, but not sending batches of coordinates. People from more geographical disciplines tend to say that they would never do that because of how Google collects their information.
- 6. Contacting faculty to teach spatial statistics course at NAACCR 2010 (Quebec City) – Population Research Institute
  - a. PRI being taught at Penn State. Try to get faculty from there to teach this at 2010. Perhaps clustering analysis or multi-level modeling.
- 7. GIS Vice-chair position open
  - a. Had to change the wording to “vice-chair.” Less work. Fill in for Kevin in a pinch. Kevin asked if anyone was interested.
- 8. GIS committee meeting in San Diego
  - a. The meeting was cancelled for San Diego. East coast people would not be able to attend and many people were out that afternoon with their families. Definitely try to meet in-person. Planning on meeting in the lobby at 5:30 on Monday.

**D. New Business**

- a. None. Meeting was adjourned.