

**Meeting Agenda  
NAACCR GIS Committee  
Wednesday, July 8, 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, Mary Mroszczyk, Bob Borchers, David O'Brien, Pam Agovino, Chris Newton, Recinda Sherman, Holly Hodges, Frank Boscoe, Dan Goldberg

**Absent Members:** Jim Files, Christian Klaus, Zaria Tatalovich, John Morgan, David Stinchcomb, Yongping Hao, Jesse Stewart, Myles Cockburn, Eileen Kelley, Chris Johnson, Jim Martin, Carrie Fish, Meg Watson, Ed Peters, Catherine Riddell, John Morgan, Simple Singh, Jennifer Kachajian, Annette Gardner

**B. Minutes**

1. Approval of June minutes

**C. Old Business**

1. Census 2010 NAACCR Fields –Kevin
  - a. UDS committee update on status of 2010 census variables. –Kevin, David O  
    - i. There were not a lot of changes from last year. David O'Brien informed Kevin that these have moved through the first step, but not the second. He anticipates that they will be approved within a month. David: UDS approved these two months ago, and now they will be passed on to the CRSC. David is trying to find out when this will be placed on their agenda. No news was brought forward about the 2010 census data at this time.
2. 2009 Geocoded NPI File Posted –Kevin
  - a. [http://www.naacrr.org/index.asp?Col\\_SectionKey=9&Col\\_ContentID=281](http://www.naacrr.org/index.asp?Col_SectionKey=9&Col_ContentID=281)
    - i. Both the 2008 and 2009 files are now posted on the above page. If anyone needs help working with this file, contact Kevin. In Wisconsin, they are using the file to find facilities without NPI codes and contacting them. The committee will continue to update this file.

3. Subcommittee activities updates
  - a. National Health Provider Area Resource File (NHPARF) — Kevin, others
    - i. The first step in this process was to find out how well this file matches the NPI file. The workgroup is still looking at the file and have compared county and city numbers. They are finding that the level of matching really depends upon the county. Some match exactly, some are off. A more detailed study will have to be done to determine which one is more accurate. Christian Klaus has been doing this with the North Carolina data too.
  - b. Geographical visualization of cancer data – (activities on hold, update) — Recinda
    - i. The original model was to have people self-select areas of interest to them and Recinda would meld all of those sections into one document. Due to people's overloaded schedules, this did not gain momentum. Recinda has decided it would be best for her to be the main party for structure and writing and seek the input of others as she goes along. She is thinking of starting the conference calls again in September. Dan suggested using Google Documents to keep track of changes to a single copy of the document. NAACCR may also have something available for this purpose.
4. 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. USC/NAACCR/Idaho/NY progress
    - i. Kaveh gave a presentation at the NAACCR Annual Conference. USC is still in the process of running Holly's data. Chris' file has already been run. He has been very helpful in pointing out problems with the application. He is writing a SAS program to import results into a couple of formats. The option to add or remove the output of a KML file for each record has been added. USC is also creating a data dictionary for all of the input and output fields. Running Holly's file has shown that the way that the application updates records needs to be improved because it takes the majority of the time. The basic functionality works and seems to be on par or better than Google's results. The third year of the contract starts in August.
  - b. Future work & collaborations
    - i. Frank's state will be submitting their data for the project as well – approximately 50,000 records.
5. Contacting faculty to teach spatial statistics course at NAACCR 2010 (Quebec City) —Kevin
  - a. Kevin has still not received a response from the Population Research Institute. This course would probably be a 1-day course similar to one the committee has done before. David took a survival class last year and thought it was difficult to do a 2-day workshop. Several workshops also do ½-day courses.

Frank was thinking of a separate class (1/2-day workshop) for making use of Google Earth.

6. GIS Vice-chair position open

- a. New Vice chair approved by NAACCR —Kevin
  - i. Recinda Sherman has been made the new vice-chair of the GIS committee.

**D. New Business**

- 1. Activities for 2009-2010 calendar year — Kevin
  - a. Last year, everyone offered ideas and the ideas were prioritized for the year. Perhaps we can do the same this year.
  - b. Bob Borchers was hoping to solicit interest in helping to enhance the open source address validation standardization file.