CHARTER OF THE 2020 DATA QUALITY EXECUTIVE GOVERNANCE GROUP

Background

The operational design of the 2020 Census has been transformed due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The start of the nonresponse followup (NRFU) operation has been delayed and, in addition, there are now delays for other field operations such as group quarters enumeration, service-based enumeration and transitory locations. Field work has been extended until October 31. These changes have a number of cascading effects on 2020 Census operations.

The Census Bureau remains committed to delivering a quality count of the nation’s population. The agency will build upon existing quality assurance efforts to ensure changes to the 2020 Census operational design and their consequences are documented.

A series of work groups, comprised of staff from across the Census Bureau with the requisite expertise, will be established to develop proposals for enhanced use of administrative records, modifications to field operations, and quality assessments of changes to the operational plans.

2020 Data Quality Executive Governance Group

The 2020 Data Quality Executive Governance Group (EGG) was constituted by the Deputy Director to provide guidance and vet of statements about the quality of the 2020 Census data. The EGG draws upon expertise within the Census Bureau in the fields of census operations, statistical methodology, acquisition and utilization of administrative records, and in the social, economic, and housing subject areas.

The EGG membership is as follows:

- Leads:
  - John Abowd, Associate Director for Research and Methodology and Chief Scientist
  - Tori Velkoff, Associate Director for Demographic Programs
  - Deb Stempowski, Assistant Director for Decennial Programs, Operations and Schedule Management

- Members:
  - Ron Jarmin, Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer
  - Enrique Lamas, Senior Advisor, Office of the Deputy Director
  - Christa Jones, Chief of Staff, Office of the Deputy Director
  - Al Fontenot, Associate Director for Decennial Programs
  - Pat Cantwell, Chief of the Decennial Statistical Studies Division
• Jamey Christy, Assistant Director for Field Operations
• Ben Page, Chief Financial Officer

• Coordinator: Jennifer Ortman, Population Division

Mission of the EGG

The mission of the EGG is to provide direction and approvals about:

• Quality assessments of changes to the operational plans.
• Quality assessments of the 2020 Census data during and post data collection.

It is expected that the EGG will:

• Be informed on modifications to the 2020 Census field operations including enhanced use of statistical procedures.
• Follow the 2020 Census governance structure.
• Set forth requirements for documentation of changes to the 2020 Census operational design as they impact the quality of the census data products.
• Provide guidance to the expert work groups.
• Engage internal and external stakeholders to inform relevant audiences and solicit feedback as work progresses.

Work Groups

The EGG will create work groups as necessary to study particular issues, organize workshops or seminars, or provide a forum for discussion of particular topics. These work groups are intended to provide support and expert resources for the operational coordinators. They do not serve as additional oversight for census operations and quality assessments.

The work groups report to the EGG. This interaction will be facilitated by the EGG Coordinator.

Communication

A secure, shared directory will be created and maintained to facilitate communication among the EGG and work groups. The EGG will hold regular meetings and use email to stay up-to-date on the activities of the 2020 Data Quality work groups.

Amendments and Revisions to this Charter

Should the activities of the EGG evolve over time, this charter will be updated/revised to reflect those changes in activities. However, the principles that underlie those activities will remain – namely that the work groups will work closely with the EGG on determining their priorities, and will report out their research and findings. Amendments and revisions to this charter must be approved by the EGG.
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